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President's Message

By Bob Dreyer



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Capitol Clarion CSCMVA Newsletter

The Summer is upon us. With temperatures in triple digits, it is nice to have an inside volunteer job at the California State Capitol Museum. The crowds of school children have gone away for the summer, and we are enjoying family groups from around the world. This is a great time to “beat the heat” and come to the Capitol and share your knowledge. There is always room for you to help out and perhaps hone your knowledge prior to mentoring someone from the new class.

Interviews are underway to select people to attend our new training class which starts in mid-July. (Training will be every Tuesday and Thursday from July 21st until August 20th). The few folks we have interviewed have been outstanding and excited about joining us at the Capitol. As soon as we have the class schedule completed, we will share it so that you can join in “refresher” sessions which might interest you.

Please participate in the training of the new class. We will need mentors, hosts for the daily “social” periods, and support staff to assist with training materials and the computerized scheduling and time keeping systems. Just drop either Rachel or me an email if you can help, and we will let the appropriate coordinator know.

Many of you will be traveling during the summer so enjoy yourselves and be safe. We need you back healthy and relaxed! Don't do what I did last summer and catch double pneumonia and be out of the loop for a month. For those of you attending the River Cats game on July 19th, I'll see you there! More details will be sent out to those attending in the very near future. You are invited to attend our next Board of Directors meeting on July 1st...that is a great place to ask questions and get answers!

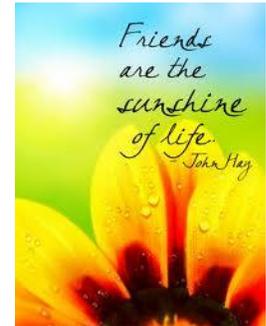
~ **Bob**

Sunshine Corner:

Since the last issue of the **Clarion**, a card has been sent to the following individual:

Bruce Rich --- Best wishes for recovery from a recent hospitalization

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.



New Member Class:

Perhaps you saw evidence of the great advertising campaign that **Barbara Smith** and her committee designed and published in the *Sacramento Bee* and other media to attract interested volunteers to our New Member's Class scheduled for late July through late August. As of last week (and prior to the advertisement), Rachel had received approximately 20 applications. Volunteers are needed to help interview applicants, to provide light refreshments for the class sessions and some other administrative duties. Please contact **Rachel** if you are willing to help with the interviewing process, and contact **Marti Dennis** (mdennis1@att.net) if you are willing to help with weekly refreshments to welcome our new members.

Sewing Workshop:



August 3 through 7 is another opportunity to design, cut out and sew a costume for the 1911 period, and if you have an unfinished 1906 costume, you are invited to participate as well. It won't be long, and we will be casting the 1911 Womens' Suffrage Day living history, and this workshop provides a productive and fun time to share costuming ideas (and challenges) with a group of talented and helpful volunteers. The workshop is coordinated and guided by **Connie Clark** and

Ann Rost and will be held in the Stanford Gallery in Old Town Sacramento from 9:00 – 3:00 August 3 – 7. Please let Connie cclark610@surewest.net or Ann annrost5@gmail.com know of your interest in participating in this fun and productive experience.

Upcoming Training Opportunities:

Sunday, July 19 at 1:30 PM: Noted local historian and author William Burg will be doing a talk on Albert Gallatin's **Victorian Sacramento**. William has researched Albert Gallatin and will share his greater role in the streetcar system and other civic projects. William works for the Office of Historic Preservation and has served as President of The Sacramento Old City Association aka Preservation Sacramento. Location is **State Capitol building Room 126**.

In addition, there will be a refresher course opportunity for the **California State Capitol Park Tour** in late July or early August. While the date has not been established, it will be in conjunction with the new member class and, as with all of the new member classes, current volunteers are invited to attend.

Justice Kennedy's Visit to Sacramento:

It is indeed a rare opportunity to provide a tour of the Stanford Mansion to a United States Supreme Court Justice, but on Saturday May 9, our own **Phil Noble** was selected by Casey Hayden to guide **Justice Anthony Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy** and **Stanford University President Dr. John Hennessy and Mrs. Hennessy**, and their colleagues on that tour. Casey had taken Justice and Mrs. Kennedy and several of their friends through the Mansion on Friday and, as a result of that experience, they requested an encore with Dr. Hennessy and his colleagues. Justice Kennedy's advance team told Phil that Justice Kennedy wanted to speak with him about California / Sacramento history prior to the tour, and when they were together, Phil shared a letter of his that was written and signed by Leland Stanford which Justice Kennedy found interesting. They also discussed how Abraham Lincoln and Leland Stanford knew each other as Stanford was a Civil War era Governor. Justice Kennedy asked Phil if he knew that Lincoln is the only president to have a patent.



Justice Kennedy in front row middle; **Mrs. Kennedy** in blue on left. **President and Mrs. Hennessy** behind Justice Kennedy. Dr. Hennessy's colleagues surround them. **Phil Noble** in front.

A native Sacramentan, Justice Kennedy received his undergraduate education at Stanford and his law degree from "the Stanford of the East, Harvard," and practiced law in Sacramento prior to being selected by **President Ronald Reagan** for the Supreme Court.

Phil describes his opportunity to conduct this tour as "one of the most exciting things I have ever had the opportunity to do as a docent. Being an attorney made it even more of a thrill for me." For his effort, Phil was pleased to receive a personally signed letter of thanks from Justice Kennedy.

Later in the day, Justice Kennedy participated in a Stanford University alumni event, "Stanford+Connects," at which time Dr. Hennessy spoke of the deep connection between Sacramento and Stanford University given the fact that the Stanfords lived so much of their lives in Sacramento, and the mansion was the birthplace of Leland, Jr. – for whom the university is named. In addition to a formal presentation, Justice Kennedy responded to questions posed by the Dean of the Stanford Law School and alumni, speaking of his affection for Sacramento and his conflicting emotions over leaving his practice here to assume Supreme Court responsibilities in Washington. He spoke with genuine pride about the fact that his mother was instrumental in saving the Stanford Mansion when there was discussion of tearing it down. He also shared interesting anecdotes about how the Court operates and his position on televising the proceedings of the high Court (which he does not favor).

Did You Know....

By Clem Dougherty

(Editor's Note: This article represents the second in a new series: "The Rise of San Francisco as The Queen City of the Pacific." The first article appeared in the April 2015 issue of the *Clarion* and detailed Gov.

Washington Bartlett's earlier role as "Alcalde" (a local official acting as mayor / sheriff / judge) in preserving the name "San Francisco" for his small cove settlement previously known as Yerba Buena.)

Did you know ...that ships abandoned in San Francisco harbor during the Gold Rush formed the basis of land fill in a great portion of what is now the San Francisco financial district? Yes, it's true. In a former **Clarion** we talked about the original settlement of Yerba Buena adjacent to a cove located approximately where the Ferry Building and surrounding territory stand today. In fact, the Bay water in the cove went up to what is now Montgomery St. to the west, Broadway to the north, and Folsom St. to the south.

The discovery of gold at Coloma on January 24, 1848, electrified the world, and soon there were clipper ships (ocean-going sailing vessels with large sails) entering the cove and carrying gold seekers and all sorts of equipment for finding gold. The clipper ships were too large to navigate California's rivers. The cove in San Francisco, then, became a disembarkation point where the sailing ships anchored and unloaded their cargos of people and merchandise destined for transfer to smaller boats such as paddle-wheel steamers (e.g., the Delta King / Delta Queen) heading up the Sacramento River for the gold regions.

As the equipment needed for the goldfields began to pile up on the cove's beaches, it became necessary that warehouses be built. However, the land surrounding the cove was hilly and unsuitable to build warehouses thereon. So, the only way to obtain the necessary space was to build wharves out into the water of the cove. The wharves or piers would provide docks for the arriving clipper ships and warehouses for goods unloaded from the ships. As the wharves began extending out into the Bay, the cove behind them was filled in. Warehouses, then, were also built on the fill. To compound the problem, crews were abandoning their ships in the cove in order to make a frantic dash for the gold regions to strike it rich. As the wharves began extending out into the Bay, the abandoned ships in the cove were broken up and were mixed with sand, dirt, rock, and garbage to provide the fill. Wooden planks were then placed on top of the fill to provide wooden paths or streets between the wharves. The streets running in an easterly direction towards the Bay, such as Washington, Market, California, and Broadway, were extended on wharves going out into the Bay. By 1857 there were 17 wharves or piers extending into the Bay, and by 1860 the cove had completely disappeared.



In 1882 a young 12 year old boy began his career by working for his step-father's produce company operating on the Washington Street wharf. The young boy's name was **Amadeo P. Giannini**, the founder of the Bank of Italy later to be renamed the Bank of America.

The port of San Francisco thus became not a sheltered cove but a series of wharves or piers extending out into the Bay – to all of us a familiar sight today as we travel on the Bay Bridge into the City.

(Sources: Lotchin, Roger W.: *San Francisco 1846-1856. From Hamlet To City*, pp. 9, 172-174; Richards, Rand, *Historic San Francisco, A Concise History And Guide*, pp. 71-75; Kyle, Douglas, Ed.: *Historic Spots In California*, 4th ed., pp. 339-340; Cattani D. & Haight A., *A.P. Giannini, The Man With The Midas Touch*, pp 1-3)

Christmas Ornaments Workshop:

On May 18 and 19 approximately fifteen of our CSCMVA volunteers gathered at the Stanford Gallery to learn how to make Victorian-era Christmas ornaments under the creative guidance of **Jan Forbes** and **Marylin Thompson**. All the supplies needed were carefully laid out, and instructions for their use were shared by Jan and Marylin. Then the creative energies flowed...more than 75 unique ornaments were crafted by our talented volunteers. The activity was not only a productive one; it was a great deal of fun. At the conclusion of the second day, Marylin and Jan carefully packed away the ornaments and will save them for decorating the three Capitol Christmas trees purchased last year by CSCMVA. The decorating will occur immediately prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you missed this creative opportunity, don't despair. Jan and Marylin are planning a follow up workshop for garlands and other large arrangements sometime in the late summer / early fall.



'Twas the May before Christmas.....



Susanne Latimer, Norma Leopold, Ann Rost, Karen Rea, Mary Geach, Jan Forbes, Ann Fox-Morgan, and Kay Christensen (foreground) are joined by Patty Wood, Diane Rich, Marita Martin, Marylin Thompson, Judi Smith, Sheri Routh and Marti Dennis (in background) in creating Victorian Christmas ornaments on Tuesday, May 19.

Volunteer Spotlight:

By Asleain "Scotty" Hodges

(Editor's note: The following article originally appeared in a 2009 issue of the Capitol Clarion. It is being re-published with the insistence of the author, Scotty, and some understandable self-consciousness by the Editor.)

They are two individual volunteers who enjoy CSCMVA activities as a couple; he is the Treasurer of our organization, and she is the Editor of our newsletter, the *Capitol Clarion*. Marti joined CSCMVA in 2006, and Bob followed her in 2007. Both **Bob and Marti Dennis** became involved as a means to engage in meaningful and interesting volunteer work and to indulge themselves in learning more about California history, Sacramento history and the legislative and executive leadership activities occurring in the Capitol – and then sharing that information with Capitol visitors. When Marti contemplated retirement, and they both anticipated adjustment to a new life in Sacramento closer to their daughter and her family, she naively sent an email inquiry off to State Parks at the Capitol wishing for information on how to volunteer. Not long after that "shot in the dark" email, **Patty Wood** responded with information about CSCMVA and volunteer activities. And so two great relationships began.



Bob and Marti Dennis

Volunteer activities were not new to either Bob or Marti. Bob was a member of Rotary International, former President of two community associations in Irvine, and a Boy Scout troop leader. (Both he and their son are **Eagle Scouts**.) Marti had been a Brownie troop leader, and a member and officer of the National Charity League, participating with both of their daughters. Through that organization, she was regularly involved in Meals on Wheels.

You have no doubt heard, that it is a small, small world. Well, listen to this. The two future life mates met through a blind date while they were at the **University of Southern California**. While both Bob and Marti attended the same high school, Arcadia High School in the San Gabriel Valley, they did not meet until they were in college and did so with the aid of Bob's sister (a high school classmate of Marti's) who set them up for a New Year's Eve date. Two years later they were married and settled in the new Orange County community of Irvine. When they moved there, it was the second master planned community in the United States (the first being Reston, VA), and was still a working cattle ranch. They have raised three children and are blessed with six grandchildren. This August they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bob's college education began at **Northwestern University** and culminated at **USC** where he earned a degree in Finance and Real Estate. His career was in Banking, Real Estate Property Management and Commercial Real Estate Lending and Sales. Marti attended **Stanford University** and graduated with a degree in Sociology from **USC**. She liked the academic environment so much that after graduation, she accepted a position at the newly-established **University of California, Irvine**. Her 27 year career there included positions of Director of Research Development and Chief Administrative Officer for the Department of Medicine. While at UCI, she was selected for a two year Intergovernmental Personnel Assignment (IPA) with the **National Science Foundation** (NSF), a federal research agency in Washington DC. Her responsibilities included site visiting colleges and universities all over the country that had received NSF grants to make significant improvements to their research facilities. The "product" of this effort was a report to Congress on the appropriate expenditure and success of this Congressionally-funded program. As a result of this assignment, Bob and Marti have had the opportunity to visit numerous historical sites and learn about and enjoy American history.

They continue to enjoy domestic and international travel, are active in their church and are avid USC football fans. Being part of living history events affords them the opportunity to share California history with Capitol visitors. They have participated in Earthquake Days, Womens' Suffrage Day, and Governors' Day. Bob continues to manage the Association's finances, and Marti keeps us regularly informed of our CSCMVA activities and news through monthly publication of the *Capitol Clarion* – a task which she endeavors to follow the example set by former Editor, **Bill Geach**. Both Bob and Marti have each earned their 1,000 hour pins and continue to enjoy activities that help further the goals of the organization.

Minutes of the CSCMVA Board

By Marylin Thompson, Secretary

May 20, 2015 (A continuation of the May 6 meeting)

The meeting was called to order in the conference room at the Stanford Mansion by **President Bob Dreyer**.

Minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made, seconded and passed to take \$10,000 from the checking account and added to the funds in a maturing CD and write a new 5 year CD with a better interest rate: 1.09%. An additional amount was taken from the checking account and combined with funds in the Money Market savings account to create a new 1 year CD of \$31,904 at an interest rate of .2%.

State Parks Report: **Matt Bellah** displayed several WW II posters which can be sold through the Bookstore. **Koren Benoit** displayed a sample of what was

previously named the "Kid's Guide" and has been redesigned as the "California State Capitol Guide for Families" with language which has been made appropriate to a larger audience. The "Capitol Park" guide now has a different cover, and includes a fold out map in the center. The historic north and south entrances might be opened just for staff and volunteers on some days / hours due to long lines of visitors. The Columbus statue is to be removed on May 20, and the new Reagan statue will be moved into its place in the Lower Rotunda after hours on June 20. The installation ceremony which is for invited guests only will occur on June 22.

Continuing Business:

- **Suffrage Day:** Alex King and Leslie Cooper will co-chair.
- **River Cats Game:** 60 tickets have been purchased by CSCMVA.
- **New Training Class:** Discussion ensued on what is our relationship with State Parks for this activity, whether all volunteers should be required to join the association, expectations of new volunteers, and who should be involved in the training class. All questions were resolved with general agreement that the class is a shared endeavor between Parks and CSCMVA. New volunteers will be expected to participate in a wide variety of activities at least for the first year.



2015 Board of Directors

Front Row: Marylin Thompson, PJ Jones, Bob Dreyer, Bob Dennis
Back Row : Connie Clark, Alex King, Julie Mallett, Chris Tyler, David Keck

New Business:

- PJ conveyed a request from volunteers to find 5 period-appropriate chairs for the WI and class tour desks. Koren will research.
- Richard Granis has donated a book to the volunteer library titled: *Sacramento, an Illustrated History, 1839-1847: From Sutter's Fort to Capitol City.*

June 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM in Room 127 by **President Bob Dreyer**.

Minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: As discussed at the May 20 meeting, **Bob Dennis** reported that the transfers were made from the checking account and new CDs of 5 years and 1 year respectively were accomplished. The changes will increase the interest paid on CSCMVA savings and will eliminate the money market savings account. All bills have been paid.

Bookstore Report: **Mary Geach** reported net income for May was \$3,199.31. Mary reported that the popular book on California has just been printed in several languages, and she has ordered copies in all available languages. They sell for \$15 each. The coloring books continue to sell at the rate of 18 or 19 / month. Discussion of sale of WW II posters was held. Decision was to have Renato print a small quantity and see how they sell. Larger quantities would be printed commercially.

State Parks Report: **Rachel Martinez** reported that Terry is setting up a training class for giving tours of the Capitol Park. **Koren Benoit** displayed a photograph of a possible chair for the WI and School Tours desks as requested by the volunteers. The style is rather large and "regal" looking of oak and leather. There are 5 available in the warehouse, and Koren will request one be brought out to try.

Continuing Business:

- **The Penny Crusher:** Bill White reported that the Capitol Historic Commission approved the project, and he displayed a variety of designs (up to 4) which could be used to imprint the crushed pennies. Parks Guide, Erik, designed some possibilities which Bill passed out for the Board to consider. The location of the "crusher" is still to be determined, but first choice would be in front of the theater, another option would be near the Bookstore, which is willing to give change for the machine. Bill was given approval to move forward with negotiations with the company which wants a 3 year commitment.
- **River Cats game:** Alex will work out the logistics of ticket distribution, parking, optimal gate entrance, etc.
- **Life time membership:** Two proposals were considered, and after much discussion the motion was made by D. Keck and seconded by PJ Jones to eliminate the lifetime membership category altogether. The motion passed unanimously. The recommendation will be taken to the next general meeting for a vote, as it involves a change in the by-laws. A related issue concerning annual awards was discussed. These are awarded at the Board's discretion, but the general consensus was that minimum award criteria need to be developed. There will be additional discussion of this topic at the next Board meeting.
- **Suffrage Day:** No report.

New Training Class:

- Committee includes Bob Dreyer, PJ Jones, Alex King, Matt Bellah and Rachel Martinez
- Classes will begin July 21 and be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 – 12:30 through August 20. "Graduation" will occur on August 21.

- Class will be approximately 20 people. Ads will be paced in the *Bee* and many other media outlets, including local TV stations. Deadline to apply is June 22. Application is online and Rachel is the contact person.
- Interviews will be held soon for those people who have pending applications. Volunteers are needed for role of interviewers. There will be about 5 standard questions to be used for every interview to ensure fairness and consistency. Contact Rachel if you are willing to serve as an interviewer.
- Judi Smith and Diane Rich will assemble the training materials, and Pat Butler will organize the mentor / mentee pairs.
- Applicants will be requested to make a “donation” for the training materials, as State Parks cannot charge fees. CSCMVA membership dues will be prorated for the year. Chairs are needed to organize the CSCMVA portion of the training (living history events, costumes, etc.) and also to provide morning refreshments.

**The July Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 1 at 1:00 PM.
All members are encouraged to attend.**

Upcoming Events:

Board of Directors Mtg.:	Wednesday, July 1
Training: Victorian Sacramento	Sunday, July 19 at 1:30 Room 126
New Members Class:	Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 21 – August 20
River Cats Game:	Wednesday, July 29
Sewing Workshop:	Monday – Friday, August 3 – August 7
Admissions Day:	Wednesday, September 9
Women’s’ Suffrage Day:	Saturday, October 17
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