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President's Message By Alex King

A Few? No,... More!

The military has long asked for "A Few Good (Persons)." Sorry, CSCMVA needs more than a few. Our Living History events need a lot of people to help continue making them the successes we have always had. The recent Governors' Day event was a tribute to the commitment the CSCMVA participants have in showing off our beautiful Capitol. However, if we'd had a few (or more) additional members, we could have shortened some of the day-long shifts to half-day; added outside "roamers" to inform visitors what was happening inside their Capitol that day; and added more guides to help keep the tours on time.

Interpreting our Historic Rooms would be lots more fun if we had pairs of people sharing their knowledge with visitors. There are voids in the WI schedules; we need more Roamers. There is fun and satisfaction in participating in CSCMVA activities. Please give us a hand and let anyone know you'd like to help – tell a Board Member; a past Board Member; a Committee Chair; Volunteer Coordinator Rachel Martinez – anyone that you would like to help.

California's 114th Birthday is September 9th. CSCMVA will, once again, celebrate by serving cake and ice cream to Capitol visitors. We will be at the North Entrance to The Capitol. Come help us have fun. Cut and serve cake – scoop ice cream – dance to the Sacramento Banjo Band – greet visitors - lots of things you can do. Let us know you'll be there to help and enjoy this event.

Water and Drought. If you are feeling "droughted" inside the Capitol, the Parks employees have begun a "Water Club" to provide water in the break room. If you would like, you can join the water club. If you prefer not to join and you would like some water, please leave the Parks folks a donation for your water. Don't forget, there is also water available in the two cafes, the coffee counter in the basement and in the basement vending machines.

Mark your calendar for August 12th. We'll be having our Summer Social at house kitchen & bar, at 5th Street and Capitol Mall.

There is a busy CSCMVA schedule for the Fall and Winter – come give us some help with your talents and skills.

~ Alex



2014 Board of Directors

Front (L to R): Marilyn 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
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Connie Clark	Member
David Keck	Member
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Randall Williams	Member

Highlights of the Minutes of the CSCMVA Board Meeting:

By Marilyn Thompson, Secretary

June 4, 2014

TREASURER'S REPORT: **Bob Dennis** reported that net income from the Bookstore is \$836 more than projected for the year to date, and overall the budget is \$6,000 ahead of projections. He, again, reminded the Board to expend some funds on worthwhile projects / activities so as not to jeopardize the Association's nonprofit status.

BOOKSTORE: **Mary Geach** reported gross income for May was \$3,447. She has submitted a book order for additional "tourist oriented" books for the summer.

MEMBERSHIP: **Mary Geach** reported that there are no changes.

STATE PARK REPORT: **Rachel Martinez** reported that additional coverage is needed for the WI desk on Wednesday afternoons (1 – 4). Carmen and Isaiah are new summer interns. **Matt Bellah** reported that he is arranging a second training session for the Pan Pacific International Exhibit (PPIE). This training session will be one hour in length. Matt passed out a five-year plan for upcoming exhibits in the State Capitol Museum. These include "California and the Second World War" (2015-2016), and "Maps and Mapping of California" (2017-2018). Question was raised if smaller versions of the PPIE posters might be sold as smaller posters in the

Bookstore. As Renato likely has them in digital format, Chris, Bob, Alex and David will work to select ones for copying. Matt asked if CSCMVA might fund part of the expense of signage for the Matthews murals. He will return with specifics. Bob Dennis suggested that CSCMVA share the cost of having the museum room light fixtures professionally cleaned. It was also suggested that CSCMVA-costumed docents participate in the PORTS program as has been done in the past. Richard (PORTS Director) is in favor.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

- **Governors' Day:** **Julie Mallett** reported that the event went well, and she learned a lot from the chair experience. She regrets that there was not more publicity. She suggests experimenting with a later start time on Sunday to accommodate church-goers. Free parking on Sunday does not seem to be a useful feature, because spaces tend to fill up early. As usual, the committee was shorthanded at the last minute, and she would like to strongly suggest encouraging all members to participate in living history events in some way.
- **Volgistics / Webpage:** **Randall Williams** reminded us that the website is a great source for archived information about CSCMVA. He reported that we are almost ready to go "live" with on-line scheduling. Training for the pilot group is scheduled for June 19. When we "go live," it will be done in one step, and paper scheduling will be simultaneously eliminated. The computer at the volunteer desk will be used for scheduling on site, and scheduling also can

be done from home. There will be a “buddy system” set up to assist those without computer skills. The training sessions will be held on July 10 and July 23.

- **By-laws Committee:** **Bob Dreyer** reported that revised Standing Rules will be available to review at the next meeting. Revised By-laws will be available for review in a few months and need to be voted on at the next Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Rotunda Decorations:** There was discussion of whether decorations can be placed in the large urns. DGS is in charge of the building in general, but Parks is in charge of the museum rooms. Question was raised: can we put decorations in the museum rooms at Christmas as was done on one occasion in the past? Decorations were donated previously by retailer William Glen and were very popular. They were allowed to put up a small sign acknowledging their contribution. Pictures were circulated (thanks to Bill Geach) of various urn floral arrangements and Christmas décor. Alex will seek some initial input before asking for volunteers for a “Décor Committee.”
- **Mid-year Social:** Casey has advised that the Stanford Mansion patio might be too hot for an outdoor August event. Alex suggested using the “house kitchen and bar”, 5th and Capitol Mall. Groups from the State Library and Stanford Mansion have used and like it. It is reasonably priced, attractive, has a good menu, shaded patio and ample parking after 4 PM. The restaurant would be open for general business, but there would be no rental fee. Chris Tyler moved, and Randall Williams seconded that we schedule an event on **August 12 at 4:30 PM** and further investigate the “house kitchen and bar” as a potential location.
- **Admission Day:** Scotty Hodges has volunteered to chair. Connie Clark volunteered to co-chair, and David, Randall and Alex will assist.
- **Election Day:** Sam Bhakta will co-chair, but needs an experienced volunteer to assist. Alex suggested having one chairperson from a prior year’s event assist a new chairperson as there is much to learn, (e.g., Election Day assist at next Election Day event, etc.) Mary Geach and Patty Wood chaired the last Election Day. Mary will talk with Patty about helping this year.
- **Marketing:** Why doesn’t the Capitol Museum ever show up as a “Museum” in the *Sacramento Bee*’s “Ticket” section? This should be handled by Parks, and Matt volunteered to look into it. A suggestion was made to have easels at the Capitol entrances listing daily events. Koren Benoit and Alex will work on this project. Marti will put an article in the Clarion asking for additional volunteers for a marketing / publicity committee.
- **Training and Other Events:**
 - Capitol Furnishing Tour: Alex working with Koren Benoit to find a good date sometime after mid-October.
 - Sutter’s Fort: Alex will contact Mindy Orosco or others to set up a tour date.
 - New Volunteer Training Class – potentially in February 2015.

All members are encouraged to attend the monthly Board of Director’s meetings.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is **Wednesday, July 2 at 1:00 PM.**

Sunshine Corner:

Since the last issue of the *Clarion*, there have not been any reported illnesses or other needs for comforting messages from CSCMVA. 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.





Help Wanted from the Capitol Volunteers:

As Alex expressed in his President's Message and, as recorded in the June Minutes, there are several opportunities for volunteers to become more involved in the Association's many and fun activities. Volunteers are especially needed to fill the following roles:

- **West Information Desk:** Volunteer staffing is needed on Wednesday afternoons between 1 and 4 PM. Please contact Rachel Martinez (Rachel.Martinez@parks.ca.gov) if you are interested in filling this important time period.
- **Marketing / Publicity Committee:** An additional volunteer is needed to participate in the increased effort to publicize the Association's activities. An individual with experience in marketing, communications and / or publicity would be a welcome addition to committee members Barbara Smith and Bernadette Hicks, as they work to increase the visibility of living history and other CSCMVA events. Please contact Alex King (ahking@att.net) if you are interested.
- **Election Day:** A co-chair and additional volunteers are needed, as we begin the staffing process for this interesting Living History event on Saturday October 18. Alex King will be thrilled if you contact him at ahking@att.net and let him know of your willingness to join Sam Bhatka and others in ensuring the success of this event.

The Board has identified other critical needs and may in the future be requesting a broader base of support from volunteers to support these activities. **Please watch for these opportunities and carefully consider your interests, talents and skills that you can invest in the organization to ensure that we successfully promote and interpret activities of "our" Museum.**

Training for on-line Scheduling: July 10 and 23

Randall Williams has been working to develop a training program for volunteers to learn how to use the new on-line scheduling system for time in the museum rooms and at the West Information Desk. ***In mid-August, signup for time in these areas will be completely managed through the on-line computer system. Handwritten sign-ups will no longer be possible.*** Recognizing that transitions are difficult, Randall is offering two training sessions for volunteers; the dates are July 10 (Thursday) and July 23 (Wednesday). You need only to attend one of these two sessions. In addition he is developing a "**buddy system**" to help us help each other learn and use this new system.

Mid-Year Summer Social: Tuesday, August 12

Please be a part of our upcoming social event! The Board has selected a **Tuesday** in mid-August for a fun and relaxed gathering to include all volunteers and their guests. Alex has suggested a downtown location. While plans are still in progress, the Social will be held from **4:30 to 7 PM on August 12**. Put a "hold" on that date and time, and watch for future information about the location and other details.



Volunteer Spotlight:

By Asleain "Scotty" Hodges



Carolyn and Alan Darneille

This third generation Nevadan was born in Reno on her mother's twenty-first birthday! She attended Reno schools; was in the first graduating class of Wooster High School; and went on to the University of Nevada majoring in Pre-Med until she realized that Physics was not her strong suit. She then transferred to the **University of the Pacific** and majored in Communications.

In 1971, she returned to Reno to become **Executive Director of the Northern Nevada Chapter of the March of Dimes**. There, she was instrumental in setting up the very first Walk-a-Thon in Nevada. Then in 1973, **Carolyn Darneille** accepted a position with KOLO, Channel 8 where she wrote, hosted, and produced TV shows. On her show "Be My Guest" she interviewed headliners from Reno such as Don Rickles, Liberace, and the Indy 500 Racers!

In 1975, she came back to Sacramento as **Communications Director** of the **United Way** where she wrote scripts and television spots, designed campaign materials; and scripted all of their Kick Off Meetings and Spirit Parades. In 1979, she became the Executive Director of the **Arthritis Foundation** of Northern California where she opened a Water Therapy Program at Mercy Hospital; and then set up a Home Environmental Review Program to assist Arthritis sufferers to live more easily at home. For her innovative work, she was honored with the **Outstanding Executive Director of the Year Award** in 1980!

She is married to Alan who recently retired from law practice. They have two daughters LeAnn and Amy. LeAnn is a Microsoft HR Manager who lives with her family in the Seattle area on their 40 acre Christmas Tree Farm, and Amy is a Girls' Counselor in the San Diego area.

When their girls left the nest, Carolyn enrolled at Sacramento State University and earned certification as a Travel Counselor, starting a second career. When I asked how she heard about the docent program; Carolyn answered: "I didn't know about the Capitol Docent Program until I was at the Capitol with the AARP one day, and ... talked to a volunteer who was in Governor Pardee's Office. After talking with him, I went down to the Tour Office and signed up!"

For four years, she has worked with the "Fab Four" at the WI Desk where she learned that Phil Noble is also a docent at Stanford Mansion. His influence rubbed off on her and she became a docent there, as well. Though Carolyn does not dress in costume, she still assists with Capitol activities, and often staffs the Ticket Tables and the Children's Tables at our Living History events.

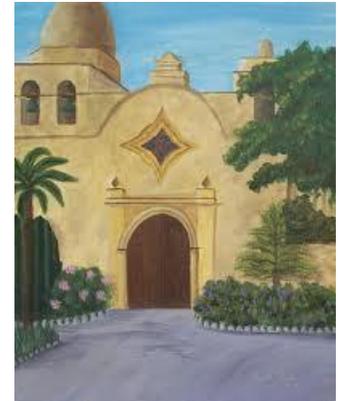
For the past 15 years, she says her work in the Travel Industry has been a great joy. She loves designing travel packages both for clients and she and Alan. She confides that the two of them have travelled extensively around the world seeing many wonderful places! Did you know that Carolyn has also travelled in South America? She informs me that while fishing on the **Amazon River** in Brazil, she caught a wild pink, toothy **Piranha** which the Guide removed from her hook! Now that's called living the excitement! The WI Desk is not quite that exciting, but hopefully it's exciting enough to keep her with the CSCMVA for additional years.

Did You Know....?

By Clem Dougherty

...that but for the occurrence of a “miracle” on March 19, 1770, the Spanish would have abandoned their colonization of California and returned to Mexico without founding the missions, the presidios, and the pueblos? At our last newsletter we left Portola and his party returning to San Diego unsure as to whether they had discovered Monterey Bay. Serra who had remained at San Diego was unhappy with Portola and urged an immediate return up the California coast to locate Monterey Bay. Portola agreed. But first, Portola had to address the situation in San Diego which could be described only as desperate. While Portola was in the north looking for Monterey Bay, the local Indians attacked Serra’s encampment at San Diego and killed one of Serra’s companions and wounded three others. Morale among the Spanish was at an all-time low. The supply of food was rapidly diminishing, and abandonment of the entire enterprise seemed a very real possibility. Portola announced that if no relief in the form of the ships San Antonio or San Jose returned from Mexico with supplies by March 19, 1770, the feast of St. Joseph, the patron of the Sacred Expedition, they would all return to Baja. Serra began praying to St. Joseph, and on March 19, 1770, the feast of St. Joseph, the San Antonio was sighted on the horizon. The Sacred Expedition was saved. In Serra’s eyes, a “miracle” had occurred.

The Spanish now having been revived, Portola then sent Serra, Costanzo, and Fages on the San Antonio to sail by sea up to Monterey, and Portola with 12 soldiers proceeded once again by land to Monterey over the same route he had travelled on the first attempt. Upon both Serra reaching Monterey by sea and Portola reaching Monterey by land and reviewing the earlier Vizcaino map, they now decided that they had indeed found Monterey at the place it now occupies. The presidio and then the nearby mission San Carlos Borromeo (Carmel Mission) were formerly established on June 3, 1770. Monterey was established as the capital of California where the Spanish Governors resided. Mission San Carlos Borromeo (Carmel) became the headquarters of the missions where Serra as the first Father President of the missions and later his successors resided.



Carmel Mission

Upon leaving Pedro Fages in charge of the new government at Monterey, Portola then sailed for Mexico where upon his arrival in Mexico City there was great rejoicing over the establishment of the new province in California. Portola never came back to Alta California. He later returned to Spain where he died in 1786. At Lerida in Catalonia, Spain, Portola was buried in the Church of San Francisco, the namesake of the great bay, some six thousand miles away, that he had discovered.

(Sources: Rawls and Bean: California, An Interpretive History, 9th ed., pp. 36-39; Carner-Ribalta: Gaspar De Portola, Explorer of California, pp.153-155;185-191; Douglas Kyle.Ed.: Historic Spots in California, 4th ed., pp.4-5;174;214;334;368-369)

*(Editor’s Note: The Special Features column is dedicated to interesting articles about California, our CA State Capitol or other state capitols. CSCMVA members are encouraged to share experiences and / or researched information in this column. For inclusion in the **Clarion**, please send articles to Marti Dennis, Editor at mdennis1@att.net.)*

Upcoming Events:

Training: PPIE Exhibition	Monday June 23, 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Board Meeting	Wednesday July 2, 1:00 – 2:00 PM
Training: On-line Scheduling	Thursday July 10, 10:00 – 11:30 AM
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Training: Sutter’s Fort	TBA
Summer Social	Tuesday, August 12, 4:30 – 7:00 PM
Training: Historic Rooms Tour	TBA
Admission Day	Tuesday, September 9
Election Day	Saturday, October 18
Training: Capitol Furnishings Tour	TBA

***Do you recall the report last month that revealed monthly CSCMVA Newsletters dating back to January 1982? If so, you understand the revised masthead reflecting more than 30 years of publication.**

To Use the Capitol Museum website, below: Copy the address to your web browser and then save the website to your list of “Favorites”

<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