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Capitol Clarion CSCMVA Newsletter

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## President's Message

By **Connie Clark**

This year is off to a great start. As of March 3, 2016, CSCMVA docents have logged a total of 3,740,144 hours over the years! This is important. Without you, our visitors would have *been* to the Capitol, but not *experienced* it. *You* make the difference.

Our special events have enhanced our visitors' experience. Thanks to all who participated in Museum Day, Camellia bow-making and Camellia Pin-On Day, the Suffrage Kick-Off luncheon and the upcoming Suffrage re-enactment. Carolyn Martin's presentation on women's suffrage at the luncheon was outstanding. She is both knowledgeable and engaging. And I'd like to add a special thanks to everyone who organized these events - hard work and well done!

Did you record your hours preparing for and attending these events? Our Volgistics / VicNet hours are suspiciously low for some Volunteers. Remember to record your hours for interpreting, special events, and even sewing costuming.

Speaking of Volgistics, have you logged on recently to see what's new? There is a wealth of information including upcoming events, photos of past events, Board minutes, and copies of the *Clarion*. While you're in the Scheduling tab, click around to see what else is new.

Coming up soon is the revised Bylaws. PJ and the team have worked diligently to bring the bylaws up to date. The Board will review them before making a recommendation for passage by the membership. Once this is complete, they will be posted on our website under the Business tab.

Another idea in the works is Children's Activities Plan being developed by Marilyn and Bob Folker, Lynn Cook and Bart Carlson. These activities are designed to help children learn about the Capitol and also to keep them engaged while waiting for their tour to begin.

There is a lot going on at the Capitol, and I know we are all proud to be a part of it!

~ *Connie Clark*

## Sunshine Corner:

Since our last publication we have not been notified of any members requiring some expressions of CSCMVA concern. This news is received with gratitude!

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 [hashhogg901@yahoo.com](mailto:hashhogg901@yahoo.com) or by phone at 707- 425-1909.



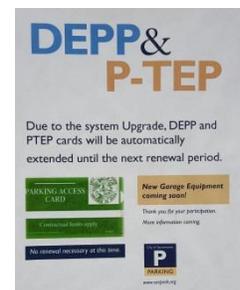
## Suffrage Day: April 16

**Suffrage Day Living History:** Come be a part of history when CSCMVA presents it Women's Suffrage Living History Day on **Saturday, April 16, 2016**. The halls of the Capitol will be filled with suffragettes, their advocates and their many (and vocal) opponents. This reenactment is filled with history, conflict and humor. Event co-chairs are **Leslie Cooper, Alex King and Julie Mallett**, with **Connie Clark** serving as Director for the vignettes recapturing the heated discussion associated with giving women "the vote." Efforts are being made to widely publicize the event and attract Capitol guests to take advantage of this interesting reenactment of history. Whether you are participating or not, please encourage your family and friends to attend this fun event. Rehearsals for

actors will be on three consecutive Thursdays commencing on March 31. Details have been emailed to those affected.

## Good News! No Need to Renew Parking Passes

Unlike our usual March drill, we are **not** being required to update our parking passes for the 10<sup>th</sup> and L Street garage. As the sign posted on the checkout machines (and pictured here) states, the parking pass system is undergoing an upgrade. As a result, **our parking passes are being automatically extended to September 2016!**



## How About Some River Cats Baseball?

Building on the success of the CSCMVA 2015 summer outing for a **River Cats** game, the Board has scheduled two games for Association members and friends this year. **May 26** and **August 18** are set aside for this fun social event. Both games are on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. **Alex King** will be soliciting interest in tickets in the near future. Make plans to join us in what promises to be fun Association event!

## Save the Dates: October 4 and 5 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

**Patty Wood** and **Diane Rich** are planning a special October overnight excursion to **Hearst Castle** for CSCMVA members and friends. Patty has been assured that we will receive a special VIP tour. Several years ago Association members took this same trip, and they enjoyed a wonderful tour and great fellowship on the bus trip to and from Hearst Castle. Plan to be part of this fall trip!

## Annual California State Parks Pass

Just a reminder: for those CSCMVA members who volunteered more than 200 hours in 2015 (January through December), State Parks is rewarding you with an Annual Pass which is good for free day use entry into almost all California State Parks in 2016. Please stop by Rachel's desk to pick up your pass if you have not already done so.

### 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 fourth 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.]*

Did you know ... that money supplied by the San Francisco-based Bank of America largely financed the post-World War II building boom in California? Yes, it's true. In our last edition we saw how **A.P. Giannini ("A.P.")** in 1927 embarked on a plan of establishing a banking system nationwide with the acquisition of an old bank called "the Bank of America" operating on Wall St. in New York. In 1928 A.P. founded on the west coast the Bank of America of California with the same goal of establishing a nation-wide system of branch banking by joining up eventually with its namesake on the east coast. In furtherance of this goal, the Bank of Italy on February 3, 1930, merged with the Bank of America of California to form the **Bank of America N.T. & S.A.** newly headquartered at 300 Montgomery St., San Francisco at the center of a banking empire established by branches throughout the state.

During World War II and the years immediately following, California increased by 2 million people - most of them to take thousands of new jobs in the aerospace industry in southern California and the shipping industry in northern California. In addition, many former service men and women born in other states before the war decided to make California their home at the end of the war. During the war all building in California went on hold, since all industrial output went to support the war effort. But once the war ended, Californians needed everything: new houses, new roads, new schools, new sanitation facilities, new commercial centers, new automobiles, new transit facilities, etc. As a result, a building boom of gigantic proportions hit California, and financing the building boom in large part was the Bank of America. The G.I. Bill of Rights offered loans to veterans for housing, for starting a business, for acquiring a farm, or for returning to school. The Bank of America provided \$600 million (1940s dollars) in loans or about 10% of all loans provided to veterans. Most of this money went to build homes in new subdivisions now popping up all over the state. The Bank of America also loaned money to the aerospace industry, the shipping industry, the construction industry, and the movie industry. It offered installment loans to individuals seeking to buy automobiles and other personal items. And in agricultural communities the branches established so many years earlier by the Bank of Italy offered loans at low interest rates to the farmers, to the cooperatives formed by the farmers, and to the truckers hauling the agricultural produce to market. Thus the Bank of America immersed itself into all aspects of California's economic life, and by extension into the diverse lives of thousands of Californians.

As a microcosm of the influence of the Bank of America on rural California, there is a small town in Sonoma County by the name of **Valley Ford** which physically astrides both sides of Highway 1 for about 2 blocks. Until a few years ago, there was a small one room branch of the Bank of America alongside the road. Within 10 miles of the bank there were, and are, several large dairy farms. In addition, not far from the bank there is an old cooperative building where the dairymen used to bring their milk for processing to the markets. Obviously the Bank of America branch stood there along the side of Highway 1 to fund loans for the farmers and their cooperative and to otherwise meet their

banking needs. This is a fine example of how branches of the Bank of America penetrated into the very life of California's agriculture.



**Giannini Family (c. 1920)**

**Back Row: Clorinda and A.P.**

**Front Row: Mario, Claire and Virgil**

A.P. Giannini died on June 3, 1949, preceded in death by his wife Clorinda. A.P. and Clorinda had 8 children, five of whom died before adulthood. The three remaining children Lawrence Mario (commonly referred to as "Mario"), Virgil, and Claire survived into adulthood. However, both Mario and Virgil died at an early age as the result of complications arising from hemophilia. **Claire Giannini Hoffman** (her married name) became the sole survivor. In a move that had unforeseen, disastrous consequences for the Bank, A.P. did not have a controlling stock interest in the Bank of America. He preferred remaining its CEO. In keeping with his belief that the Bank was "the People's Bank," he wanted the common man to own the shares of the Bank and aimed at a broadly based ownership among small investors. When he died in 1949, he left an estate valued at only \$489,278. Since he pioneered profit sharing among the Bank's employees, 40% of the Bank's shares were owned by its employees at the time of A.P.'s death. He once said that his hardest job was to keep from becoming a millionaire.

In 1998, Nations Bank acquired the Bank of America for \$62 billion. In a move that could be interpreted in one way as an effort to consolidate on the east coast a nationwide system of branch banks, but in another way as a callous disregard for the significant role of the Bank in the economic development of the City of San Francisco and the State of California, Nations Bank then moved the headquarters of the Bank of America from San Francisco to Charlotte, North Carolina. Since she did not have a controlling interest in the Bank of America's shares, Claire Giannini Hoffman tried, but unfortunately failed, to prevent the sale.

A year or so ago, when the writer of this account asked his local branch of the Bank of America why no picture of A.P. Giannini hung on its walls, the answer came back: "We have a different history now." Subsequently, the branch management must have had a change of heart. About a year later, a picture of A.P. Giannini went up on a wall of the same branch. It is this writer's understanding that the picture was found lying on the floor against a back-room wall. Now, at least, with A.P.'s picture hanging on an inside wall in plain view of the public, thankfully one branch remembers the man who through the Bank of America played such a pivotal role in the rise of San Francisco as the Queen City of the Pacific and in the emergence of California as the mega-state of the 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> centuries.

*(Sources: Bonadio, Felice A., A.P. Giannini, Banker of America, pp. xix, xx, 31, 168-169, 414-434; Catani, D. and Haight, A., A.P. Giannini, The Man With the Midas Touch, pp. 107-108; James, M. and James, B., Biography of a Bank, the Story of the Bank of America N.T. & S.A., pp. 489-490; The New York Times, April 4, 1998.)*



### Rachel's Reminders:

- Northern California Art Conservators will be on-site completing phase II of their work on some of the Governor's portraits. Please note **the Governor's Suite exhibit rooms will be closed to all tours starting Wednesday March 23, and stay closed until Friday March 25, 2016.**

- Due to Senate security upgrades, **a new volunteer badge check-out system to access the Costume Closet in the garage has been put in place.** If you need to access the Costume Closet, a badge to open the garage doors may be checked out from the Parks' supervisors (Erin & Terry), in exchange for an I.D. while the badge is in use. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience, but this was done at the request of the Senate, in hopes of making the building more safe and secure for everyone!
- Don't forget to swing by my desk (or the Scheduler's Desk Fri-Sun) if you were unable to attend the Annual Luncheon, but have earned an Hours Pin (see the February *Clarion* for list of awardees)—come pick it up; you've earned it!
- **Please call Rachel at 916-324-0319 (Mon-Thurs) or the Scheduler's Desk at 916-324-2088 (Fri-Sun) if you need to cancel within 24 hours of a previously scheduled shift. Outside of 24 hours, feel free to remove yourself through the online VicNet system!**

## Volunteer Spotlight

By Asleain "Scotty" Hodges

I am excited to focus the Spotlight on one of our newer members, and I promise that you too will be as excited as I am to get a glimpse of the personal history of docent **Andrea Waldrep**. Her origins are from the Midwest and, according to her, her childhood was quite ordinary; however, I think it was a little unusual. She grew up in a then 125 year old farmhouse which I suspect has an interesting history.

When she was 13 years old, her family moved to California which explains her love for things Californian. She has a degree in Medieval History and English Literature. She was one of those fortunate enough to live in Europe for several years and taught English as a Second Language in Prague where she also studied the Czech language.

You may surmise that she enjoys travel, learning new languages, and meeting new people. As a complement to meeting new folks, she relishes keeping in touch by writing letters. (I wonder how many pen pals she has accumulated.) Her primary hobbies include: reading, dancing (ballroom, swing and tango), cooking tasty vegetarian food, and sewing.



Andrea Waldrep

She learned about the Capitol volunteer Docent program from the newspaper ad that was posted, and the timing was rather fortuitous. It was during that period in her life that she was looking for a volunteer opportunity, and the Capitol docent opening was just what she was seeking. She says that identifying special expertise that helps her perform the duties of a docent is a difficult question and the best answer she can give: **“is my interest in history, especially the stories of individuals (common everyday people, including minorities and women), and historical fashion.”** She also enjoys meeting new people and helping them to learn about their California history. She confides that she finds visitors' enjoyment of the Museum and their new-found knowledge of California's history and government to be very rewarding.

At the Capitol, Andrea has participated in the Ice Cream and Cake Social celebrating California's statehood (Admission Day), Christmas Caroling in the Rotunda, the January Sewing Workshop, and Museum Day. She also participated in the fun Hat-Making Workshop in early March (where she

successfully attempted a challenging and novel hat design). Andrea looks forward to participating in April's Women's Suffrage Living History Event.

By the way, even with her busy schedule, she found time, and recently earned certification as an **Emergency Medical Technician**. Amazing! When I asked what motivated her to become an EMT, she explained that she became interested in the health care profession when a family member became ill. That is dedication!

Lastly, let us relish the time that Andrea spends with us, as she has been accepted into the six year **University of Minnesota PhD Program in English Literature** with a focus on **representations of gender** and the use of the **feminine voice in Old English Poetry**. She says: **"so it looks like with excitement coupled with a bit of nervousness... I will be moving to Minnesota in the fall."** In the meantime, we are fortunate that she chose to share her talents with the Association. Who knows, perhaps in the near future, she may be able to rejoin us.

## March Kickoff Event for Women's Suffrage

By Diane Rich



Carolyn Martin

There was a wonderful turnout for the "kick off luncheon" for the upcoming Women's Suffrage living history event. We had 60 reservations for the luncheon and were especially pleased with the turnout from the latest class of volunteers. The banquet room at Northridge (thank you **Leslie Cooper** for sponsoring the event) provided plenty of space for socializing prior to lunch being served, and there was no shortage of conversation. I hear the short ribs entree was delicious, and I can attest to the delicious risotto. Leslie Cooper promoted the upcoming living history event and by the end of the day, she had several more people signed up to participate. CSCMVA member and guest speaker **Carolyn Martin** (in costume), presented a very informative program on the history of women's suffrage, **"How Women Finally Got the Vote."** It was a successful day on all fronts!

## Hat Making Workshop

Seven of our members gathered together in early March to design and make new hats for their 1906 or 1911 costumes. Under the expertise and coaching of **Connie Clark** and **Ann Rost**, **Suzanne Latimer**, **Candi Zizek**, **Julie Mallett**, **Andrea Waldrep** and **Marti Dennis** came to the Stanford Gallery prepared with pictures, fabric, trim, artificial flowers, feathers and high hopes of crafting a hat of choice. These events are always great for conversation, learning, and success as shown in the following photos.



Candi Zizek



Marti Dennis and  
Ann Rost



Suzanne Latimer



Connie Clark

## A Very Successful Camellia Pin-On Day!



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## Minutes of the CSCMVA Board Meeting March 2, 2016

By Marylin Thompson, Secretary

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

**Minutes:** Accepted as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Bob Dennis** reported that the Association is on target to date as to expenses and income. Net income for the year is \$644.

**Bookstore:** **Mary Geach** reported income for January was \$2,525. That is \$520 more than February 2015. With successful sales of WW II posters, Board approved the purchase of 15 additional of each *Rosie the Riveter* and *Victory Garden* posters. Discussion ensued about the potential for posters of the next exhibit: *Treasures from the State Library*. Mary offered to personally pay \$4,347 for the Reprinting of the *California's Historic Capitol* booklets, but it was moved and seconded to have the Association pay the bill acknowledging Mary's generosity.

**Membership Report:** **Mary Geach** reported there are 60 paid active members, 30 paid sustaining members, and 4 supporting members. Fourteen of the new volunteer class have joined and paid their dues.

**State Parks Report:** **Rachel Martinez** made a plea for more volunteers during this busy time of school tours. Suggestion was made to have a short training session for North Entrance Desk volunteers. It was decided that Connie and Rachel will work on resuming the monthly training events, and will utilize one session for the requested North Desk training. Bunting hanging in the rotunda is in honor of the new Assembly Speaker.

### Continuing Business:

- **Contract/MOU with Parks:** **Bob Dreyer** is out ill; no report was given.
- **Camellia Day:** We had plenty of volunteers but fewer blossoms than last year.
- **Suffrage Day Kickoff:** Attendance was approximately 60 individuals. It was a very successful event: good lunch, great venue, and very interesting program. Motion was made by D. Keck and seconded by R. Williams to reimburse **Carolyn Martin** for costs of presenting her program. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Suffrage Day:** Co-chair **Leslie Cooper** said that the committee only has about half of the necessary sign-ups. Fifteen more actors are needed, especially women actors.
- **Children's Activities:** **Bob Folker** reported that he has revised his draft handout by reordering the pictures and the tour route. He has also created his own maps. Question now is: how do we use this new tool? Casey also has been given some material by Lynn Cook which can be used to entertain / enlighten children. It was decided that Casey, Bob and Lynn will meet to discuss efficient, coordinated use of all available materials.
- **Hearst Castle Trip:** **Patty Wood** stated that the tentative dates for the trip are October 4 and 5. Patty will do more research on trip details and will send an email soon.



**2016 Board of Directors**

**Back Row:** Bob Dennis, Marylin Thompson, Ron Lauchner, Bob Dreyer, David Keck

**Front Row:** Bill Monahan, Randall Williams, Connie Clark, PJ Jones

**Missing from photo:** Julie Mallett

- **CSCMVA 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** Diane Rich and Patty Wood will work on this. Tentatively it is scheduled for November, possibly in the Eureka Room. Alex will work on obtaining a resolution from the legislature recognizing the Association for its 35 years of Capitol support activities.
- **River Cats Games:** First game is **May 26<sup>th</sup>** with Colorado Springs. Same seating section has been reserved that we had reserved last year. Second game date is **August 18**. Details to follow.
- **Bylaws/Standing Rules:** It was decided to start a line-by-line review of the by-laws. However, discussion did not progress beyond the second page and, because of time constraints, it was halted. Motion by R. Williams was seconded by B. Dennis to place this item on the agenda for the April meeting. Votes: 7 Aye, 1 Abstain (Thompson). Most current By-laws and Standing Rules will be distributed to Board members for discussion at the April meeting.

**New Business:** None

The April Board meeting will be **Wednesday, April 6 at 1:00 PM.**  
 All members are encouraged to attend. WID will have information on the room assignment.

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**Upcoming Events:**

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| <b>Suffrage Day Rehearsals:</b>    | <b>Thursdays, at 5 PM</b><br><b>March 31</b><br><b>April 7</b><br><b>April 14</b> |
| <b>Board of Directors Meeting:</b> | <b>Wednesday, April 6 at 1 PM</b>   |
| <b>Women’s’ Suffrage Day:</b>      | <b>Saturday, April 16</b>   |
| <b>River Cats Baseball:</b>        | <b>Thursday, May 26 at 7 PM</b><br><b>Thursday, August 18 at 7 PM</b>             |
| <b>Admission Day:</b>              | <b>Friday, September 9</b>  |
| <b>Hearst Castle Field Trip:</b>   | <b>Tues. – Weds. October 4 - 5</b>  |

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**<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**