

Capitol Clarion

California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association

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President's Message By Alex King

... and Counting

Last month I said "**164, and counting.**" Well, we did. We celebrated, and counted California's 164th birthday. Approximately 400 folks enjoyed cake (from Raley's) and ice cream (from Leatherby's). Additional folks came along later and wondered how come we ran out of cake and ice cream. A good time was had by all, watching the California National Guard present the Colors, the Sacramento Banjo Band entertain visitors and many CSCMVA members moving quickly to serve folks wanting to celebrate our birthday. Compliments to Admission Day Chairs **Scotty Hodges** and **Connie Clark** for a job well done.

Now, we're still "...and Counting." We are counting down, already, to the end of our CSCMVA year. In only a few weeks, we will be presenting our second Living History event of the year: the **1906 Elections**. In addition, on September 17th we have a new training event for members; next month, on October 30 another training. Then, we will be in the Holidays and the end of the year. Wow! Time DOES fly when you're having fun.

On a very serious note, I'm sure most of you have seen the recent news about damage to the **Queen Isabella and Columbus Statue**. I have assured Rules Committee staff and the Sergeants-at-Arms that one of our most active roles in the Rotunda, either at the WI or as Rovers, is to monitor activity around that statue. I would guess that every one of us CSCMVA volunteers has kept children, curiosity seekers or photographers from crossing the cord barricade to pass over the concrete curb. There is, and will be, on-going discussion on how to stop the so called "tradition" of throwing coins from the second floor to the statue. Let's keep up our vigilance in spite of the juvenile actions of others.

Now, an added volunteer opportunity: a short time ago, I mentioned we're looking at staffing the **Capitol North Door Information Booth**. A few members let me know they would like to sign up for that location. This week we have received approval to use that location to guide visitors through the Building. Department of General Services is cleaning the booth; we are working on signage. We are working on making this an easy added opportunity for you to assist visitors to the Capitol. We will keep you informed!

~ Alex



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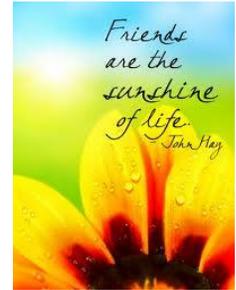
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Sunshine Corner:

Since the last issue of the *Clarion*, we have learned of the August 24 passing of

(Margaret) Mary Schrock, a former CSCMVA volunteer

Mary was very active in the Sacramento community, and CSCMVA was one of the organizations which benefited from her energy and commitment. She is survived by her husband of 31 years, John, four children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.



Scotty will send a card to her family expressing the condolences of the Association. 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

Did You Know....?

By Clem Dougherty

Did You Know... that the year 2013, now passed, marked the 300th anniversary of the birthday of **Junipero Serra**, the first father president of the California missions? Yes, it's true. On November 23, 1713, some 300 years ago, Serra was born to a farmer family as Miquel Jose Serra in Petra on the island of Majorca off the north-east coast of Spain. Serra took the name of Junipero after an early follower of St Francis when Serra later joined the Franciscan Order. In Serra's time Majorca was culturally and linguistically related to Catalonia, the region of north-east Spain centered around the city of Barcelona. To understand Junipero Serra we have to go back and understand the Franciscan Order as founded by St Francis of Assisi (pictured below). St Francis (Francesco in Italian; Francisco in Spanish; Francis in English) was born in 1181, some 6 centuries before Serra, in the town of Assisi located in Tuscany in the central section of Italy. Francis was born into the family of a wealthy cloth merchant and as a youth led a worldly life. While still a young man, Francis suffered a crisis of faith which ended in his abandoning his former life style and in embracing a life of total poverty.



St Francis of Assisi The key to understanding Francis is to understand his complete renunciation of the ownership of property. He owned nothing. During Francis' lifetime (the high Middle Ages) the entire political and economic structure of Europe was one of feudalism based entirely on real property. By renouncing property, Francis was striking at the very heart of medieval society and was offering to his followers an alternative life style based not on property but on God's love and mercy. Francis sought to live as Christ and the apostles lived - preaching the Gospel, traveling from place to place, poor with no property, dependent on others for food and shelter, and ministering to the poor of the world -- the very persons who occupied the bottom of feudal society. By so doing he hoped to submerge himself and his Order among the people thereby putting into practice those words often attributed to him: "Always preach the Gospel and, if necessary, use words." The alternative lifestyle proposed by Francis attracted many followers who wanted something more out of life than what the feudal world based on property had to offer. Thus, Francis gathered about him a group of men who shared his ideals and who formed with him the Order of Friars Minor ("OFM"), the "little brothers," or as we have called them, the Franciscan Order.

As time went on and the OFM grew, it became apparent that as a practical matter the OFM had to organize themselves so that their members could be properly housed, clothed, and fed. Francis to the end of his life opposed any compromise with his vow of absolute poverty. However, the Pope, by this time Honorius III, formerly approved the Order in 1223 only upon the condition that its rule made practical accommodation for organization of its members. The Pope tried to resolve the contradictions in Francis' approach so as permit the OFM the use of money and property, without outright ownership. Such an approach would have an important effect upon the California missions in that the approach would coincide with Spanish law that the King would own the land, the Franciscans would be only the trustees thereof, and the Indians would be the beneficiaries.

Thus a split arose within the OFM between those who wanted to follow Francis' example of complete poverty and those who believed that some accommodation with reality had to be made. Francis himself remained true to absolute poverty to the date of his death in 1226. His death failed to heal the split. As a result those OFM members who wanted to follow Francis' example became known as the Spiritual Franciscans or the Strict Observants while those OFM members who wanted some accommodation with reality were called the Conventual Franciscans. By the 1400s, the Spiritual Franciscans became the dominant branch of the Franciscan Order in Spain. Cardinal Ximenez de Cisneros, confessor to Queen Isabella and Archbishop of Toledo, the primate of all Spain, was a Spiritual Franciscan. Cisneros so favored the Spirituals that when he died no Conventual House remained in Spain. The Spiritual Franciscans in Spain rejected the relative ease of Conventual Franciscan life, advocated a return to the strict rule of St. Francis with its absolute renunciation of property, practiced extreme self-discipline, emphasized the imminent second coming of Christ and the end of time, and above all, adopted a strong missionary spirit.

Next Month: Junipero Serra - a Spiritual Franciscan in California

1906 Election Day: October 18



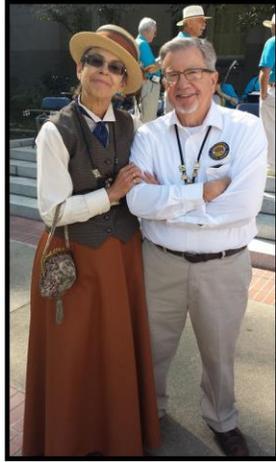
David Keck and Lynn Cook

On **Saturday October 18**, CSCMVA Volunteers will re-enact candidate 1906 election politicking for the honor of serving as California Governor. This Living History event will be re-enacted within the halls of the California State Capitol. **Sam Bhakta** and **PJ Jones** are working with a dedicated group of volunteers to learn acting parts, to assume the roles of greeters, tour guides, ticket managers and tour pacers, not to mention those who are behind the scenes as wardrobe managers and "caterers." Please be sure to help publicize this fun and informational event through recommending it to neighbors, teachers and others.

The **Volunteer Spotlight** feature will return in October following **Scotty Hodges'** rebounding from her role as Co-Chair of the successful celebration of Admission Day – the 164th Anniversary of California's Admission to the Union.

Admission Day 2014

Photos and collage courtesy of Rachel Martinez



Reminders:

Renew Your Parking Permits

It is that time again.... please remember to renew your privileged parking pass for the garage at 10th and L Streets. Renewals must be accomplished by **September 30** at the Sacramento City Hall.



Call if you Need to Cancel a Scheduled Shift Within 24 Hours

Please call **Rachel** (324-0319) or the **Scheduler's Desk** (324-2088) if you need to cancel or change your scheduled shift less than 24 hours prior to that scheduled event.



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

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

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Highlights of the Minutes of the CSCMVA Board Meeting

By **Marylin Thompson, Secretary**

President's Report: **Alex** has received approval for CSCMVA to staff the Information Desk at the North entrance. He will be working on details as to schedule, amenities, etc. U.S. and state flags will soon be displayed in the rotunda.

Appropriations Committee: **Bob** (Treasurer) reported that Bookstore sales continue to run ahead of budget. Total income for August was \$2,408. Our expenses for the month were \$1,477 and continue to be under budget. We are continuing to build up our reserves.

Bookstore: **Mary** reported that net income for August was \$2,473.24. A book on the 1915 Panama Pacific Exposition has been written. She will ask the author to send a preview copy.

State Parks Report: **Matt** reported that the drapes in Governor's office will be cleaned on Sept. 10, and the room will be closed all day. The chair in the Treasurer's office has been repaired. Drapes between the Secretary of State and Archives rooms will be replaced. They are working on getting new shades for most of the offices. Desktops and furniture will be covered during cleaning of drapes. Approval for the reproduction of posters of the PPIE has not yet been received from the State Library. The Museum is not listed in the "Ticket" section of the Sacramento Bee.

On-going Business:

- **Volgistics:** **Randall** reported that the program is going well. After discussion, the “number of hours worked” column will be removed from the Volunteer Office sign in sheet. It serves no purpose and is confusing to members who might think this is a way to record their hours. It is not; hours worked are to be recorded in Volgistics.
- **Mid-Year Social Event:** **Alex** reported that the event was successful and was attended by approximately 56 people. It was agreed that it was a nice venue, but food service could have been spaced out better over the 2 hour event.
- **Admission Day:** **Connie Clark** reported that everything is set, and she will be sending out reminders to participants. The Governor and Lt. Governor have been invited.
- **Election Day:** **PJ Jones** reported that acting and other assignments have been decided, and will be mailed out soon. The event could use more volunteers for roles such as Greeter.
- **New Member Survey:** **Marylin** reported she had not received the results from Julie after the latter contacted the “non-responders.”
- **Celebration at Stanford Mansion on September 28:** There are a sufficient number of costumed volunteers at this point, but more are always welcome.
- **Bylaws Revision:** **Bob Dreyer** said there is still a need to address the question of whether the dues structure should be included and also to clarify the requirements for life membership.

New Business:

- **Isabella statue:** There was discussion of the broken finger on the boy’s hand. The tradition of throwing coins onto the statue at the end of the legislative year will be stopped. Probably will have sergeants-at-arms keeping guard next year. Bob Dreyer moved, and David seconded, that CSCMVA offer to pay for the repair as a gesture of our concern over preservation of the statue. Motion passed.
- **Capitol Stamp:** David requested a second stamp at the WI desk to stamp U.S. Capitol “passports” for children instead of sending them to B27. After discussion it was decided that he would pursue this – what type of stamp and does it have to be the “official” one.
- **Question:** can we pay to have capitol brochures translated into Korean, Dutch and Italian? David will form a committee to pursue this question.
- **Christmas Decorations in Museum Rooms:** Marylin brought up question of Christmas decorations in museum rooms. She and Jan Forbes will work on this and come back with suggestions. Matt Bellah stated his enthusiasm for the idea.
- **2015 Training Class?:** This item will be on the agenda of the October meeting.

Training Events:

- Historic Rooms tour will be on on Wednesday, September 17th
- Capitol furnishings tour will occur on Thursday October 30th

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

Upcoming Events:

Training: Historic Rooms Tour	Wednesday, September 17
Board of Director's Meeting	Wednesday, October 1
Election Day Rehearsals	Wednesdays, October 1, 8, and 15
1906 Election Day	Saturday, October 18
Training: Capitol Furnishings Tour	Thursday, October 30
Holiday Music Program	December 1 - 23

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

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

Volunteer Coordinator: 324-0319
Rachel Martinez

Tour Guide Office: 324-0333

Scheduler's Desk: 324-2088

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