



THE CORNERSTONE

Cupertino Historical Society
Members Newsletter

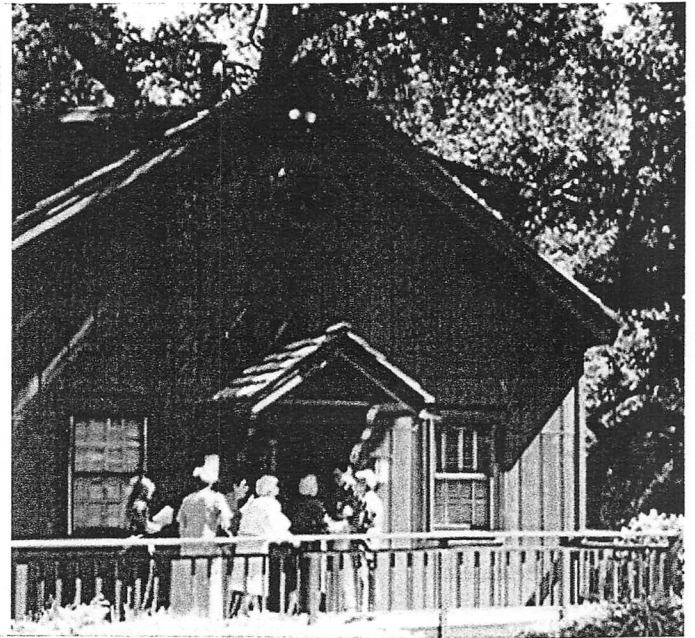
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2nd ANNUAL "Visit to an Historic Site" A SUCCESS !

Sharon Blaine, Event Chairperson

It was a beautiful fall day when guests arrived at the historical San Antonio School site, now part of Charles and Deborah Newman's lovely home. Shuttle service provided by Dev Rendler and his nephews brought people down to the oak shaded site where Ethel Worn and Stefanie Singer greeted them. Attendees were invited to view the one room schoolhouse and the grounds where children once laughed and played.

A delicious basket lunch was served on the deck overlooking the creek. This was followed by dessert platters beautifully arranged by Frances Dietz and Beez Jones. Michelle Potts made sure there was plenty of Picchetti Chardonnay available. All of this led up to the informative presentation by Linda Sharman Schultz who spoke on the history of the San Antonio School and the efforts to preserve the building and the site. It was due to Linda's foresight and efforts that this important piece of Cupertino's history has been saved. Each guest received a copy of her new book "Buckeye and Brodiadas, the History of a One-Room Schoolhouse." Marie Bartee, whose father Carl Schoppe had been a student at the school many years ago, presented the original teacher's school bell to the Society! It had been in her family's keeping for many years. Now it will be on display at the museum with the original school desk.



An undertaking such as this always involves the time and efforts of many. In addition to the members mentioned above, we are indebted to Gail Hugger, Karen Parsons, Bob Vitro, Corinna Schoenfelder, Charles Newman, Charlie Liggett and Dick Blaine, all of whom worked long and hard to ensure the success of this event. Our special thanks to Deborah Newman who assumed many of the tasks throughout the planning stage in addition to serving as a gracious hostess, the day of the event. Hanson Permanente Cement, Cupertino National Bank, and Whole Foods Market donated funds to underwrite the luncheon and we also received many donations from people who were unable to attend but wanted to help. Everyone's hard work certainly paid off as the Historical Society's "Visit to an Historic Site" earned praise and applause as well as approximately \$5,200. for our general operating fund.

Be sure to join us at next year's "Visit to an Historic Site".

OBITUARIES

The Cupertino Historical Society shares in the loss of Dorothy S. Lyddon and Josephine Mikulaco.

MIKULACO, Josephine — entered into rest August 15, 2000. Born August 24, 1913. Age 86. Loving mother of Henry Mikulaco, Paul Mikulaco, and Judy Cunha. Dear grandmother of Lynn, Lisa, Julie, Jeanne, Ron, Glenn, Bryan, and Clay. Great-grandmother of nine.

Friends are invited to attend Funeral Services Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the LIMA FAMILY SUNNYVALE MORTUARY, Hollenbeck at Fremont in Sunnyvale. Contributions to American Heart Assn, 1710 Gilbreth Rd. Burlingame, CA 94010 or St Jude's, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105 greatly appreciated.

DOROTHY S. LYDDON

Dorothy Stauffer Lyddon passed over at home in Cupertino, California, on September 30. Born in Kansas City, Mo., on March 17, 1923, she attended Southwest High School in its glory days, graduated from Scripps College, Claremont, CA, married Jack R. Lyddon (deceased), and engaged in parenting, wifery and community activism until moving to California in the early 70's to pursue her deepening commitments to the environment and human potential fields. Her impassioned intellect led her to absorb, through experience and the written word, everything she could about the world around her. Among her many philanthropic and business affiliations, the following were most dear: Scripps College, Stauffer Communications, Resource Renewal Institute, National Museum For Women In the Arts, Institute of Noetic Sciences, Women's World Banking, Commonweal, The Women's Foundation, Resource Area For Teachers of the Greater San Francisco Bay Area, Earth Island Institute, Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, Californians Against Waste, Center For Investigative Reporting, Rainforest Action Network, Peace Links, Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, Polar Bears Alive!, and National Tropical Botanical Gardens.

In addition, Dorothy managed Seven Springs Ranch, Cupertino, California, for the last 30 years, continuing the tradition of fruit production, which her father, Grant Stauffer, began in 1936.

Her German Shepherd dog was named Toto, (now deceased), and a rainbow was air-brushed over her turn-of-the-century ranch barn doors.

She is survived by 3 of her children, Martha, Grant and John, 2 grandchildren, Marlowe and Brendan; her beloved cat, Huey, a Koi named Willis, and the many nesting orioles of Seven Springs.

Private services will be held in both Kansas City and California. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to The Institute of Noetic Sciences, 475 Gate 5 Road, Sausalito, California, 94965.

MEMBERSHIP

Renewing Members:

Nathalie Bennett, Irene Bennett, Robert & Audrey Butcher, Chuck & Pat Corr, Herman & Doris Hijmans, Jim & Pat Jackson, John Kolski, William Lester, Charles & Kathleen Liggett, Richard Lowenthal (Life Membership), Judith & Angelo Marchi, Janet & Robert Meyers, Kathleen Peters, Corinna Schoenfelder, K.L. Stakey, Bob Vitro, Dorothy Zeszutek

New Members:

Ned Banton, Amelia Reyes Castillo, Betty & Alan Johnson, Geoffrey Patnoe, Michelle Potts, Diana Robertson, Layla Mary Tawil



SPECIAL THANKS

Donations in Memory of Charles Gagliasso:
Gail Hugger, Marty Mathiesen, Mae Regnart

Donations in Memory of Henrietta Marcotte:
Marie Bartee, Judy Craft, Garden Club of Los Altos, Mary Kellogg, Mary Lou Lyon, Marty Mathiesen, Barbara Perry, Katherine Peterson

Donations in Memory of Elio Picchetti:
Marty Mathiesen

Donations in Memory of Miriam Stelling:
Marie Bartee, Marty Mathiesen, Nancy Wakeman

Donations in Memory of Grace Still Wallin:
Fred & Florence Lindsey

Donations in Honor of Donna and Scott Austin's 30th Anniversary: Sharon Blaine

Donations in Honor of Linda Schultz:
Mary Hope Bolasna

We are also grateful to the following for their recent donations to the Society:

Loretta Bassman, Bruner Family Foundation, California Retired Teachers Association, Marcelle Gallant, Dorothy Gardner, Warren Heid, Elena Kettler, Janet and Bob Meyers, Pat and Barbara Rogers, Nancy Schott, Stephanie Singer, Christine Troup, Rose-Marie Twu, Ann Zarko, Roberta Zentner

Pam Suwinsky for Microsoft PowerPoint software. Rod Etheridge, Western Office Furniture, for two new-used office chairs.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Charles Newman, President

The Snyder-Hammond house and its historic 1 acre site was acquired by grant deed on 10-11-00 as a gift from the Diocese of San Jose for the consideration of \$1. Tim and Laura Summers are continuing their occupancy as caretakers for the Society under an agreement for one year. The O'Brien Group, developer of the nearby Oak Valley residential development, has committed \$25,000 to preserve and renovate the house. The Society has made application to the County Historical Heritage Commission for a \$50,000 grant to do needed foundation and structural work. The Society will actively participate with the Council and interested groups for the planning of the expansion of the Rancho San Antonio park. The house is adjacent to the planned trail connecting to the historical De Anza Knoll and other regional trails.

Steve Haze has returned to the Board to fill the vacancy from the resignation of John Kolski. Welcome back Steve. Thanks John for your service to the Society.

Don Allen is again Chairperson of our Annual Fund Drive now in progress. To date 41 donations have been received totaling over \$6,675 as of 12/07/00. The donations are critical to providing the funding for the Society's general operating expenses. Donations of appreciated stock may now be donated at no cost to the donor and at minimal cost to the Society. Please call Ethel Worn or me to discuss making a stock donation. Thanks for your support.

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Friends of the Museum : Ted Bollinger, John & Judy Bruzus, Larua C. Calloway, Maxine Dixon, Hazel Fretwell, Cay Horstmann, Florence & Fred Lindsey, Karen Parsons, Kathleen Peters, Alice Schlim, Corinna Schoenfelder, Bill & Nancy Schott, Fred W. Schwerdley, Winifred Thiltgen, Ann Woo, Ann Zarko, Roberta Zentner, Dorothy Zeszutek, Cicero's Pizza,

Museum Patron : Joe & Doris Adamo, Bill & Margaret Betchart, Ray & Ellie Bortner, Marc C. Burns, Charles & Kathleen Calhan, Ronald & Marcia Cali, Cupertino Electric Trust, Donna V. Grce, Pat & James Jackson, Marty Mathiesen, Henry Mikulaco, Kathy Nellis, Hilles Y. Parrish, Hector Picchetti, Hamilton Ryder, George & Lorraine Sousa, K.L. Stakey, Darryl & Dorothy Stow

Museum Founder : Mathilda Sousa

Elisha Stephens Club : Don & Sally Allen, , Edward Cali, Its Uenaka



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ethel Worn, Director

SYMANTEC Corporation FUNDS EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH BROCHURE

In late September 2000, the Symantec Corporation Giving Program awarded the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum one thousand-dollars. These funds, with a five hundred-dollar grant received from the Sourisseau Academy in June, will defray the costs of publishing and printing a brochure familiarizing teachers and administrators with the educational outreach program of the Cupertino Historical Museum. The brochure will help the museum continue to build partnerships with the local school districts to insure that the history of Cupertino stays alive for all to understand and share.

The *Traveling Trunk* shares the story of life in Cupertino through memorabilia from horseshoes to high button shoes. Many objects teach students about the history of schools in Cupertino and encourage them to draw comparisons between early schooling and their present school experiences. Managed by dedicated docents, the program regularly makes its way into the community.



MUSEUM FULLY STAFFED

I am pleased to report that as of the first of December, the Museum is fully staffed. We hired a volunteer coordinator, Layla Mary Tawil, in September and in November I contracted with Corinna Schoenfelder, our registrar, to work as part-time office manager.

Our three part-time employees work 48 hours a week. With these people on board, the museum will now be able to accomplish many of its goals.

United Way DONATIONS

United Way of Santa Clara Valley now takes donations for art and humanities via stock, check, credit card, ATM debit card, or payroll deductions. Cupertino Historical Society, Inc. is registered with the United Way as Catalog ID 94-269547-000.



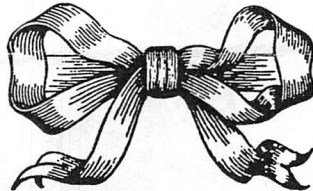
DECEMBER

- No General Meeting,
 22-25 QCC closes at noon on the 22th thru the 25th
 in observance of Hanukkah and Christmas.
 29-31 QCC closes at noon on the 29th thru the 31st
 in observance of New Years.



JANUARY

- 1 QCC closed in observance of New Years.
 1-9 Main Museum closed for cleaning and
 exhibit renovation.
 13 Volunteer Meeting, 9am at QCC
 10 Board Meeting, 6:30pm at QCC
 15 QCC closed in observance of M.L. King Jr.
 23 General Meeting, 6:30pm at QCC
 Alverda Orlando, historian and researcher,
 and Peter McGettigan, her film-maker and
 videographer, will be present.



FEBRUARY

- 3 Volunteer Meeting, 9am at QCC
 13 Board Meeting, 6:30pm at QCC
 19 QCC closed in observance of President's Day
 27 General Meeting, 6:30pm at QCC
 Kristin Jenson Sullivan, and Lucille Kendall
 will present on the John Snyder legacy.



MARCH

- 3 Volunteer Meeting, 9am at QCC
 14 Board Meeting, 6:30pm at QCC
 23 Reinactment of the sighting of the S.F.
 Presidio by De Anza on the de Anza Knoll.
 27 General Meeting, 6:30pm at QCC
 Phil Valdez, lay-historian and 8th generation
 descendant of Juan Bautista de Anza will
 present the National Park's
 comprehensive plan for the de Anza Knoll.

ON DISPLAY



The entry case at
 the main museum
 has been changed
 for the holidays.
 During the month
 of December it will
 house a collection
 of holiday
 ornaments and
 memorabilia.
 Please drop in
 during museum
 hours Wednesday -
 Saturday, 12 pm -
 4pm.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Please come visit our "Gift Store" located at the
 Main Museum for your holiday shopping.



Buckeye and Brodeadas, The History of a One-Room Schoolhouse, written by Linda Sharman Schultz. \$10. ea.

Like Modern Edens, Winegrowing in Santa Clara Valley and Santa Cruz Mountains 1798-1981, written by Charles L. Sullivan. \$12.95. ea.

Magnets and Ornaments featuring the image of Elisha Stephens. \$3. - \$1. ea.

Sweatshirts and Aprons featuring color prints of past local businesses. \$20 - \$25. ea.

JANUARY MUSEUM CLOSING

From January 2nd through January 9th the main Museum will be closed to clean and refurbish the exhibit. We will be adding a few of our newly conserved objects and other pieces to enhance the exhibit. The Museum will open for visitors on Wednesday, January 10, 2001.

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Steven Haze - Steve has been a Cupertino resident since 1978 and grew up in the city of Palo Alto when the area was still commonly known as "The Valley of Hearts Delight". He is a Senior Program Manager for Getronics, a global Information Technology firm. Steve, who is a graduate of U.S.F. in Applied Economics, has over 25 years of business planning and management experience that he has applied passionately to his love of the outdoors and preservation. He is well known for his advocacy within the area of historical and environmental preservation, as well as sustainable and livable communities. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Land Trust of Santa Clara County and Friends of Stevens Creek Trail Committee headquartered at the historic McClellan Ranch Park. Previously Steve served on the Society's Board of Directors and was one of the County Coordinators leading the development and adoption of the National Park Service's Juan Bautista National Historic Trail here in Santa Clara County. His advocacy work with the National Park Service of this Historic National Millennium Trail has taken him to outlying areas in Mexico and Arizona, and desert regions of California. Most recently, Steve has been the Society's Committee Chair that was successful in the acquisition of the Snyder-Hammond house built in 1881. Steve believes strongly that the Historical Society must play a vital role in preserving the heritage of our community.

VOLUNTEER NOTES

Dear Cupertino Historical Society Members & Volunteers,

Instead of rehashing the last three months of activities to you, I thought that I would give you my impressions of the volunteers for the Society & the Museum that I have observed during these first three months as Volunteer Coordinator. I will throw into this descriptive pot of observations some grains of salt of my own.

A Cupertino Historical Society & Museum volunteer is always around when an extra hand is needed. A volunteer is the Museum staff's greatest asset. Whenever a volunteer is approached to donate some hours, that volunteer is usually willing to do so. A volunteer is always around to give us their two cents, and brainstorm any new ideas to others. A Museum volunteer knows how much their timely presence is needed when scheduled to volunteer, and moves heaven and earth to make sure that they are on time when needed. When visitors to the museum are welcomed-in, a knowledgeable volunteer is always there to give them essential information, to make their visit more enjoyable and informational. But, a good volunteer can quickly sense when a visitor exhumes the air of solitude, to just soak in the museum's interesting surroundings.

Most volunteers come from the Historical Society Membership, which shows them to be actively involved in the Museum's programs, activities and its whole existence. Being a volunteer is much more than volunteering a few hours each month, it is a state of mind, for some a way of life. The Volunteers are the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum, ... God bless the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum.

Layla Tawil, (Your) Volunteer Coordinator

UNKNOWN IDENTITIES

If anyone can assist us to identify the individuals pictured below, please contact the museum to provide your insights. Thank you.

Corinna Schoenfelder, Registrar



*John & Dospava
Sulaver*
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THE CUPERTINO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society is a private non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history of Cupertino and the surrounding region. It operates a main museum in the Quinlan Community Center, along with a satellite museum at Vallco Fashion Park on Stevens Creek Blvd. Museum hours are 10am - 4pm, Wednesday thru Saturday. The Vallco site is open Tuesday and Saturday 1pm-3pm. Admission is free and the public is invited. General meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month and are preceded by a potluck dinner. For additional information and recorded message call the museum at 408-973-1495.



C. H. S. linked to the City of Cupertino's web site:
<http://www.cupertino.org/update/civic/chs.htm>
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The History
of a
One-Room
Schoolhouse

by Linda Sharman Schultz

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