



BUILDING ON OUR SUCCESSES

By Mark McKenna

Seasons Greetings. We are coming to the close of another year. At this time I reflect on the past year and look at my accomplishments. I also take the time to set some goals for the coming year. In this spirit I would like to share with you our accomplishments.

Our two biggest successes were our Annual Barbecue and History Lane at the

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cupertino Jubilee. Our Barbecue pays for our operating costs for the year and was a huge success. History Lane was a major success because of the exposure it gave to the Cupertino Historical Society. I would like to thank the entire CHS board for their work on both events.

In the coming year I would like to see CHS continue both of these events and expand them; I'm always about making things bigger and better. I would also like to see membership grow. Last but not least, I would like to see CHS bring the outlines to a Center for Living History to life. I never dream small. I would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday and an exciting New Year. If you could help us with our dreams for the coming year, we would be glad to have your support.



Audrey Butcher

REFLECTIONS OF A VALLEY FAMILY

By Donna Austin

I spoke with Audrey Butcher and asked her to share some of her early memories and history. She has so many stories and such a long history in this valley.

Hugh Willoughby was my first ancestor to visit California. He stayed at Drake's Bay on the Marin Headlands for some months, and when the barnacles were all scraped off the hull of the Golden Hinde, sailed back to England with Sir Francis Drake, possibly doing a bit of buccaneering along the way. Atypically for a tourist to California, it is not recorded that he ever returned.

In 1873, two of my great grandfathers registered in this county to vote as Lincoln Republicans. Thomas Bulla Keesling settled in what was then known as the Willows, later Willow Glen, and had a large ranch. He sold his farm in the middle of what is now Minneapolis-St Paul to come to this valley, where a previously arrived relative

had told him, he could grow things the year around.

Stephen Hobson's son George had arrived in 1846, with his wife, driving two oxen teams across the plains, and on finding that El Pueblo de San José de Guadalupe consisted of just a few mud houses, drove to Monterey. Monterey turned out to be much like San José; so they retraced their steps and returned to this valley, settling in San José. I asked my grand-

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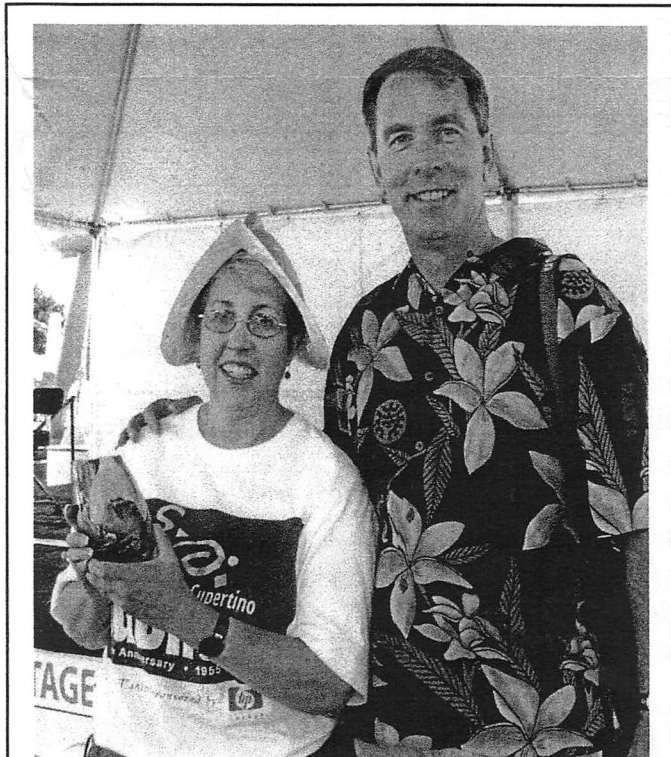
A Life-Long CHS Member Takes a Backward Glance

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mother Ariadna, later Edna, Hobson Keesling, if she came in a covered wagon. She said no, they came on the train. The Confederates would not let Stephen Hobson and his family leave North Carolina until after the Civil War because he had a grist mill, sawmill, and foundry. His headstone in Oak Hill Cemetery is one of his grist mill stones.

My mother taught at Doyle School. The teacher that followed her was Mary Fablinger, granddaughter of John Brown of Harper's Ferry. Louis Stocklmeir told me that Mary Fablinger was the person who first proposed combining Doyle, Collins, Lincoln, and San Antonio districts into the Cupertino Union District. I did my country student teaching at Cupertino Union School, set in the orchards at the northwest corner of Vista and Stevens Creek Road.

There was an assembly on December 8, 1941, and we listened to a radio broadcast of President Franklin D. Roosevelt talking about Pearl Harbor and war. Near me, a little second grade Japanese-American girl sat with tears running down her cheeks.



Well Done!

President Mark McKenna presents outgoing president Donna Austin with a crystal vase at the General Meeting during the Golden Jubilee celebration. The vase was inscribed with the words:

"In Appreciation for Your Years of Service to the Cupertino Historical Society 2005."

BULLETIN BOARD

Upcoming Events

Gathering at the Crossroads

Potluck 6:30 p.m.

Lecture 7:30 p.m.

In the Cupertino Room of the Quinlan
Community Center

January 24

February 21

March 21

Board Meetings, open to all members

January 18 5:30 p.m.

February 15 5:30 p.m.

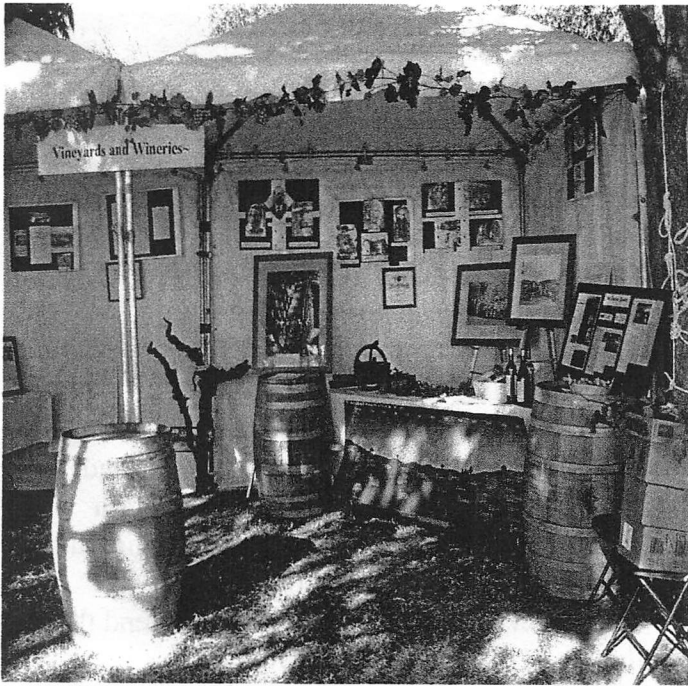
March 15 5:30 p.m.

My husband, Robert Butcher, and I went to a planning session for the incorporation of Cupertino in the library room of Cupertino Union School. We wanted to be in Cupertino, but it was decided that it was best to start with a smaller compact area. After incorporation, my husband went out to the residents between our house on Fremont and the Cupertino limits, mostly farmers, and got them to sign his petition to join Cupertino.

As soon as Sunnyvale heard of his actions, they sent out employees to tell the farmers that they would get more for their land with a Sunnyvale address. Actually, being in the Cupertino Union School District was of far more value than the Sunnyvale address.

Blankets Make Warm Memories

Now that there is a chill in the air, it's a good time to find a cozy blanket and wrap up nice and warm. We have a limited number of beautiful, 100 percent cotton Cupertino blankets, featuring images of the city's most recognizable landmarks: Cali & Bro. mill, Rifredi's Market and more. At \$65 they make great gifts--or buy one for yourself!



'Vineyards' and 'De Anza' were only two of 20 CHS booths at Cupertino's Golden Jubilee celebration

'History Lane' Brings Past Alive for Local Residents

Celebrating 50 years as a city, Cupertino presented its Golden Jubilee Sept. 24 and 25, 2005. The Cupertino Historical Society spent many days and hours and weeks producing "History Lane," and all that went into Cupertino's history display. There were 20 booths in the city's timeline of history.

The timeline began with the Ohlone Indians and progressed through De Anza's exploration, the agriculture era, the wine-producing boom and finally into the present day technology world.

In keeping with the museum's hands-on history projects, children got to grind acorns with a mortar and pestle and watch the blacksmith at his work.

Everyone enjoyed the stroll down "History Lane."

Cupertino Book Is in the Works

By Mary Lou Lyon

I have been working all summer and fall with Dwain Dryden and using CHS files, my files, my library and pictures to put together a book on Cupertino for Arcadia press. Their formula is 128 pages of black and white photos with a short paragraph of explanation about an area. I have worked it into nine chapters, covering Juan Bautista de Anza and the natives of the area, to Elisha Stephens, to the early settlers of Westside, to incorporation in 1955.

Dwain Dryden has been copying photos from CHS files and I have been researching various subjects. The frustrating thing is that as a teacher and historian, I am used to writing reams of words, no pictures, so the long narrations I have come up with will have to be shortened to fit with the photos I have found.

I missed the first due date because of my other activities, such as teaching Santa Clara County History to seniors at the Willows Senior Center and doing newsletters for two historical groups, plus putting on a



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History Book Is in the Works

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symposium for the Conference of California Historical societies in October. I am aiming to complete the book by the end of January, which means the editors and publisher should see the book published in the spring.

Arcadia has been doing this all over the US, which does get all those old photos in the public eye, that no one ever sees in various archives. They have already published in Campbell, downtown San Jose, Los Gatos, Gilroy, Milpitas, Morgan Hill and Santa Clara. Someone is working on Alviso, as well. The books sell for \$19.99 each. I have a promise from the Cupertino Courier to do a feature when it comes out and have been asked to do an interview on TV for the Cupertino Senior Center in March. I plan on going to San Jose Library California room, the History Center at De Anza, the Genealogical Collection at Santa Clara Library before I finish it up.

I may be calling some of you for use of your family pictures if I do not find what I need in all these files. One question that I keep getting is, why does Cupertino have such superior school systems? Did you know that the first farmers in our region were vintners? We had some interesting people pioneering the area of Cupertino and you can read all about it in the spring.

Support the Historical Society

Join now! Become a member!

\$35	Individual membership
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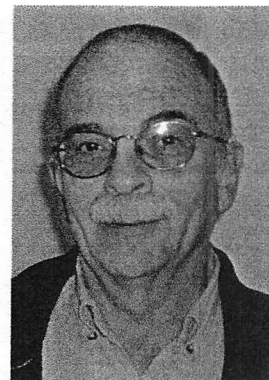
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Gallery Notes



Thanks to a generous grant from the Cupertino Rotary Club, we were able to purchase new museum database software that will prove invaluable to us for tracking our collection.

We were also able to purchase new flat files for the safe storage of our oversize documents and photographs. And last but not least, we have a scanner that we will use to keep accurate digital files of all the objects in our collection.

For those of you who were unable to attend the Jubilee and visit History Lane, the aerial photographs of the Cupertino area from 1950 to the early 1970s are on display at the museum for all to enjoy. While on the subject of the Jubilee, everyone who worked so hard to make History Lane a success should be congratulated. In particular, I would like to thank two of our volunteers, Ray Bortner and Paula Allen, who worked tirelessly to help me facilitate the requirements for the Jubilee.

In January, we are resuming our monthly Pot Luck dinners and presentations. Please let me know the type of programs you would like to see. The Pot Luck is a chance to visit with friends and enjoy an interesting peek into Cupertino's rich history.

Also being scheduled for September of next year is a possible new exhibit that would reflect the diverse community in which we live. The subject of the exhibit would be the traditional wedding gowns and ceremonies of the many cultures that make Cupertino a great place to live. If you have any ideas or would like to assist in this project in any way, please let me know. I look forward to your input and your help will be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the members of the society and everyone in Cupertino and the surrounding communities for their continued support of the museum and our mission.

Dwain Dryden

Collection Manager & Volunteer Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership gifts to the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum provide a base of support for programs, services and general operating. We appreciate the support and generosity of new members and continuing members.

A big thank you to our new and renewing members!

New members

Robert and Ginny Hendrickson
Liz Yang Tadman
Jim and Jane Asher

Renewing members

Rosalyn Frolich
Jim and Margaret Limberatos
Keith Peterson
David and Kay Knapp
Dolly Sandoval
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Thank you for your continuing support!

Remember: Increasing membership in CHS is one of our organization goals this coming year. You can help by spreading the word about the personal and professional satisfaction that comes with being a CHS member!

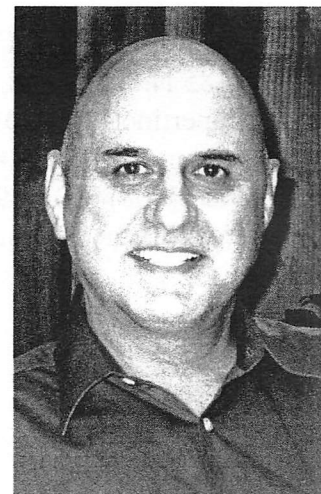
Meet Your Board

Our newest Board Member, Kevin Tighe, has extensive experience in the corporate world. He's been a marketing manager at IBM for storage sales, launching the eCommerce and eDistribution businesses, and thereafter was responsible for the daily general management, including facets of sales, marketing, service and logistics.

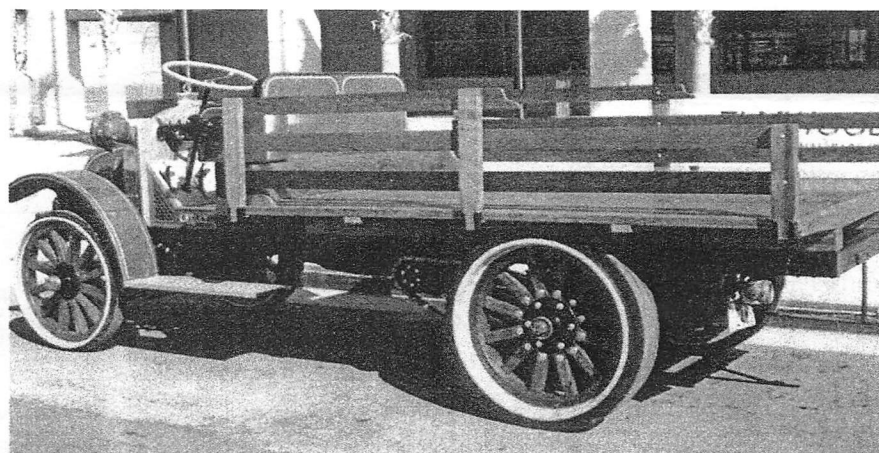
Kevin was also director of sales for a start-up company, Planetweb, a software solution product, working with customers and partners. While a senior program manager at Novell, he helped launch a new enterprise software.

Presently, he serves as managing director for Kevin Tighe & Associates, doing management consulting and movie production, and he is also the division business manager for Hughes Electronics, a hardware, software and system integration product.

Kevin has an MBA degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering from Cornell University.



Kevin Tighe



The Kelly Truck has a fascinating history. It is one of fewer than 15 trucks of this kind originally manufactured. The first owner was Mr. Dean. He used it in his fruit orchards. William Butler was the next owner and kept it until May in 1990, when he and his family donated it to the Cupertino Historical Society.

The Collections committee recommended acceptance based on Louis Pavisio's belief that the Kelly Truck was something we should not pass up even if it was mostly in pieces in boxes with the radiator and truck bed sitting next to the truck parts. From a suggestion by the San Jose Historical Museum, Elmwood was called, and they agreed to do the restoration. They were given the pieces in 1990. Six months later it was delivered to the Cupertino Historical Society looking brand new.

Fenton Hill made a trip to Fresno to get new (hard rubber) tires made for the truck. He also did the very critical steering of the truck into the Quinlan Center lobby on display there when there was only ¼ inch clearance in the double doorway. That was in 1990 and this is now 2005. It has been stored at Ann Zarko's garage for many years awaiting its return to the Quinlan Center. Some had a rare peak during our City's Golden Jubilee Celebration. Now the Kelly Truck is coming back to Quinlan. The move is planned sometime in December 2005. If you missed seeing the Kelly Truck at the Jubilee, come see this one of a kind truck. This is a blast from the past.

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The mission of the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum is to create a passion for lifelong learning, preserve a vanishing past and serve as a bridge to a shared future. We believe that reflecting a broad representation of experiences, perspectives and cultures encourages stewardship and interaction, honoring the past and enhancing the lives of current and future citizens.

CUPERTINO HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Located in the Quinlan Community Center, the museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Admission is free and open to the public.



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