

CUPERTINO HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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Sunny Outlook for CHS Programs

By Nicole Rau

I can feel it in the air: Summer is coming! Local trees are getting fruit and the jasmine plants are blooming in front of the museum at the Quinlan Center. The Cupertino Historical Society and Museum has just held a wonderful 40th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner event, which honored several of our dedicated volunteers,

MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

generous benefactors, and devoted members. I would like to thank all of our honorees at this event: Phil and Frances Bush, Beez Jones and Jim and Linda Walker, for their years of committed service to our institution. Our volunteers, members, board members and benefactors make our past and future programs possible.

Part of the mission of the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum is to not only preserve the area's vanishing past, but also to create a passion for history and to offer programs that teach and inspire all community members of Cupertino through educational experiences and programs. Education is at the center of our public service role.

This year, the museum will offer a wide range of programs to the Cupertino community. We will be hosting a Summer Potluck on June 28 at 6:30 p.m. with our guest speaker Paula Quinterno, who will talk about "Growing up in Monta Vista." Bring a dish and join us for good food and historic talks!

Also, I would like to offer a warm welcome to Jennifer Meyers, our new Education Intern, who will be working on creating new types of Traveling

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Special Event Honors Longtime Supporters

By Donna Austin

The Cupertino Historical Society and Museum's 40th anniversary celebration on June 3 was a wonderful event that showed an organization that appreciates its members and in turn is appreciated by all.

Among the honorees were Frances and Phil Bush, recognized for their years of volunteer service. Beez Jones was also honored for her continuing benefactor support and Jim and Linda Walker received a tribute for their membership and community service.

A big thank you also went out to the Cali Family, Toll Brothers, Stevens Creek Quarry and KRTY for being

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**CHS Board
President Mark McKenna**
was unable to write a President's Message for this edition of our newsletter. Watch for his message in the next Cornerstone. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mark and his family.

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Trunks and education programs for the museum while completing her thesis at San Francisco State University in the Museum Studies program. Board members and staff at the museum will be working with Jennifer to expand our current programs with new boxes that both docents and teachers will be able to someday check out to encourage their students to learn more about Cupertino's exciting history!

It is my goal this year to recruit and work with more students from the local colleges and schools by offering opportunities for research and new education projects for both the current museum and for future development of the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum.

Some of the volunteers and students from the museum will be assisting in a possible upcoming exhibit featuring traditional wedding gowns and ceremonies of the many great cultures of the Cupertino area. Recently, my office received a beautiful donation of gowns made of silk with gorgeous beadwork and embroidery from Nicol Lea and Cynthia Lee. This will become part of a display at a future exhibit at the museum toward the end of the year.

The Cupertino Historical Society and Museum needs volunteers in several areas. If you have a love for the community, please join ours. Help show off Cupertino's past and present! We have many areas where you can

help, including gallery sitting, research, web design, educational outreach and collections care.

I look forward to working more with volunteers in creating many of these projects. If you would like to add your time or talents, we would love to have you! Drop me a line at cuphistorysoc@juno.com or call

BULLETIN BOARD

Gathering at the Crossroads

Potluck 6:30 p.m., Lecture 7:30 p.m.

In the Cupertino Room of the Quinlan Community Center

June 28

Paula Quintero: Monta Vista

Pot lucks & lectures will resume on a quarterly basis starting

September 26, the 4th Tuesday. The author Phyllis Mattson will speak about her book, *"War Orphan in San Francisco."*

Board Meetings, open to all members

June 21 5:30 p.m., Social Room

July 19 5:30 p.m., Cupertino Room

August 16 5:30 p.m., Conference Room

Sept. 20 5:30 p.m., Conference Room

August General Meeting TBA

Volunteer Meetings at the Museum

July 1 9 a.m.

Sept. 6 9 a.m.

Museum Manager's Schedule

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, &
Thursdays

Stop in to say hello to Nicole Rau

Farewell to a Friend

Cupertino lost a community friend with the passing of Jim Limberatos (March 3, 1927-May 1, 2006). Jim was a member and volunteer of the Cupertino Historical Society. He will be greatly missed.

Thank You Note

Thanks to all for supporting our 40th anniversary dinner!

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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.

Renewing Members

Gordon Beckstrom
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Thank you for your continuing support!

New Member

Mike Harkin

A Special Thanks

We would like to give special recognition to:

Wells Fargo
for their generous support
and their recent \$2,000 grant
to the Museum.

Bill & Virginia Guengerich
We are grateful for their
special gift in memory of
Donna Grce, a longtime
Cupertino resident.

A Mystery in City History

By Donna Austin

We have a history mystery at the Cupertino Historical Museum!

A couple of months ago, Cupertino City Manager Dave Knapp received a call from a moving and storage company in Martinez, California. A woman said they were cleaning out their inventory and ran across some boxes filled with Cupertino history.

She said someone had lovingly put together scrapbooks of the early beginnings of Cupertino as a city.

Dave Knapp called to ask if anyone from CHS would be interested in the boxes found in storage in Martinez. Since my husband and I were babysitting in Pleasanton on Tuesdays, we decided that we would be halfway to Martinez and gladly made the trip. The City of Martinez was a pleasant surprise. Once you leave the freeway you see a quaint town filled with trees. I was told you can visit John Muir's Home in Martinez and it is a National Historic Site.

When we arrived at the storage company, we found that there were three very dusty boxes with no name or identification on them. I signed for the boxes and promised I would try to find the family. The boxes were filled with pictures and photo albums and three wonderful scrapbooks of newspaper articles about our early Cupertino government. These boxes once belonged to our first city manager, Phil Storm. We wondered how did the boxes get to Martinez? Where is his family today?

There were baby, hunting, wedding and ancestor pictures. The scrapbooks contained many news articles from local newspapers in Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, San Jose, and Cupertino—the Monta Vista Courier. The articles all related to the city and council decisions guided by the city manager Phil Storm.

In Pete Emig's, "The Human Touch," he quotes Philip W. Storm as saying, "Personal integrity is a great cornerstone of leadership. One must work to earn and deserve the complete faith of his colleagues, his council and all the citizens of his community. In order to exert leadership one prime requisite is to obtain the confidence and respect of those whom you guide..."



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Former City Manager Phil Storm: Where is his family now?

History Mystery

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The more I read, the more impressed I was with our first city manager. Beginning in December 1959, Phil Storm held the job of Cupertino City Manager for 11 years. Bob Quinlan took over as second city manager in February 1971. Don Brown in January 1989 and Dave Knapp in June 2000.

I asked city officials why there wasn't something named after Phil Storm and they said the city maintenance yard is named after him because he liked to go there at lunch and play cards with the crew. That is the kind of guy Phil Storm was.

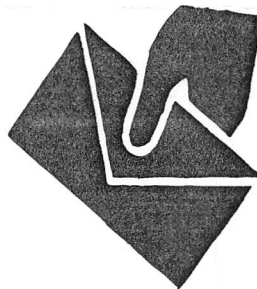
Now I have two things to ask all of you to help solve this mystery: 1. Does anyone know Phil Storm's family and how we can reach them? Call us if you know.

2. We have boxes of pictures with no names and would love to be able to identify some of these faces. If you remember what was happening in city government from 1959 to 1970, please stop by the museum and help us sort through this mystery.

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10185 North Stelling Rd., Cupertino, Ca 95014*

CHS Wish List

- Website Development/ Maintenance
- Garment bags for historical costumes
- Volunteers with sewing skills for the recreation of historic costumes
- Oil pans for our Kelly Truck
- Mini vacuum/ handheld
- A new computer
- A place to store the Kelly Truck in November
- Mannequins for upcoming exhibit for costume display
- Acid-free storage boxes and tags

Anniversary Dinner Honors Special CHS Friends, Volunteers

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such generous sponsors. Among others deserving thanks was our resident historian Gail Fretwell Hugger, for recognizing CHS's 40 years and past presidents' contributions.

Helene Davis stepped in and did a wonderful job of organizing this event, and Darryl Stow did a great job supporting our efforts every step of the way. He was particularly effective in interviewing each honoree and coming up with such a wonderful script for introducing them. It was an outstanding presentation and everyone was impressed. Most people left thinking they had been totally appreciated for their years of service.

CHS President Mark McKenna took the time to show up and give a great presentation, in spite of the stress of his mother's illness, and this touched all those attending.

In addition to everyone who helped make the event so successful, a special thanks goes to Mike Foulkes for stepping in to MC, and to Steve Ting for ensuring that City Council attendance was 100 percent. Thank you also to Nicole Rau who spent many hours working on the event. Now we can all relax until the General Meeting in August!



Linda and Jim Walker



Phil and Frances Bush



Beez Jones

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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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