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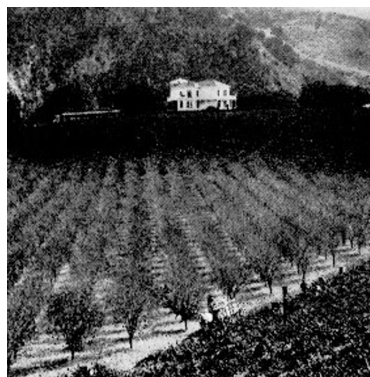
## HISTORY OF DEEP CLIFF GOLF COURSE

|| By Sharon Blaine

Located in the foothills of Cupertino, the lands of Deep Cliff Golf Course have been the home of many different peoples. Once the area provided shelter and food for the local Native Americans, who gathered acorns, seeds, berries and other plants while hunting and fishing the plentiful wildlife.

The first Europeans arrived on March 25, 1776. Don Juan Bautista de Anza and his small group of 18 soldiers/muleteers were sent from the coastal town of Monterey to the great "Bay of St. Francis". He was to explore the bay and select sites for two missions and a presidio. As recorded in the diaries of Fr. Petrus Font, diarist and cartographer for the expedition, the group camped in the area just east of the local creek (near it's present intersection with McClellan Rd). Fr. Font named the creek Arroyo de San Joseph Cupertino for his patron saint, San Giuseppe of Cupertino, Italy. We now know it as Stevens Creek.

In 1839 the Juan Predo Mesa family was given the Rancho San Antonio land grant. Encompassing one league (3 miles long) of foothill country, the grant ran southwest of Mountain View between Adobe Creek east to Cupertino (Stevens) Creek. The vast property was later sub-divided into several large parcels.



Lawrence Selenger purchased 85 acres of land south of McClellan Rd. in 1876. He continued to buy adjacent lands until he owned 175 acres. In 1881 he, his wife and 9 children moved to the property from San Francisco. Mr. Selenger cleared the land and sold the oak wood to people in San Jose for stove wood. He planted prune trees near the creek and vineyards on the higher plateaus. At it's peak,

the yield from the vineyards approached 100,000 gallons per year! He built his home on what is now De Anza Circle overlooking the present 7th, 8th, and 9th holes of the golf course. Other buildings were erected close to the creek including a winery, cooperage, stable, blacksmith's shop and servants quarters. Today those lands are known as Deep Cliff Golf Course, De Anza Circle and the adjacent residential area, the Rancho Deep Cliff development, and Linda Vista Park.

In 1909 the property was sold to Joseph V. de Laveaga, an attorney, who operated it as a horse ranch through the 1930s. Upon his death the property was purchased by Kay Spence, also a horse breeder. The orchards were gradually removed and the area became a pasture for race horses. In the late 1940s the eastern part of the property was sold to its present owners, the Bracher Family.

The property was annexed to Cupertino and rezoned in 1961 through the efforts of developer, Tom Traeumer. The western section was zoned residential, and in the 1960s was developed with houses. The eastern section, in the Stevens Creek flood plain, became Deep Cliff Golf Course.



FAIRWAYS — Looking south-east from the hillside, the camera catches the Deep Cliff golf course fairways, above. Below, showing fairways and one green to the northwest.





## Cupertino Historical Society & Museum

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum is to preserve and illuminate Cupertino's past to inspire our youth, strengthen the sense of community, and shape a better future by making Cupertino history relevant and available to all.

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# PRESIDENTS' CORNER



**Don Sun**

worked together and become friends through our shared interest.

This will be an exciting year for us. Serving as President, I would like to propose the following:

First, we will prepare an "Apple: Looking Back" exhibit. People always ask me where I am from. I tell them that I am from Cupertino, and people don't recognize the name. Then I tell them, it's Apple's headquarters. Then they know and they show great admiration for our city which makes me proud.

Apple is a significant part of Cupertino's history. This project will bring out the pride from Cupertino residents as well as Apple employees for having such a world-class company in our city. We will solicit memorabilia from Cupertino residents who are working or have worked for Apple.

Second, we would like to document the history of past and present Cupertino Mayors and their legacies, with a series of video interviews. We would like the mayors to share their love for the city as well as the challenges they faced during their tenures as mayor as Cupertino grew into the city it is today. Through a series of youtube videos, we will preserve their images, words, and stories for the future generations of Cupertino residents.

I hope we can complete these two fun and community building projects. I need your support to accomplish these goals. Please take part in the CHS&M committees' activities and volunteer. Please email me with any questions or suggestions to [sun.cupertino@gmail.com](mailto:sun.cupertino@gmail.com).

I am excited to serve this wonderful organization and cannot wait to work with you.

**Don Sun**  
President

Dear Members,

I would like to thank you for your trust and confidence in electing me as president of the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum for the coming year.

Just like all of you, I share a passion for history and a passion to preserve our past. In my 10 years with the museum we have

## BULLETIN BOARD

Museum Hours: Located in the Quinlan Community Center, the museum is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is FREE.

### Board Meetings:

Wednesday, August 15, 2018. 4 pm - 6 pm, Quinlan, Conference Room

Wednesday, September 19, 2018. 4 pm - 6 pm, Quinlan, Conference Room

Wednesday, October 17, 2018. 4 pm - 6 pm, Quinlan, Conference Room

### Holidays: QCC closed

September 3, 2018

Labor Day



# WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

## Valerie Abid

Valerie grew up on a farm in southeast Nebraska. After graduating from the University of Nebraska with a teaching credential, she taught in Nebraska three years before moving to California. She taught one year in southern California before moving to Los Angeles where she “retired” from teaching and worked for the State until retiring again to raise her daughter. Her family moved to Cupertino in 1980. She retired from Tecan Systems in San Jose (her third and final retirement) in 2009 and is enjoying the benefits - travel, grandchildren and volunteering.

Valerie has always loved history and has enjoyed touring many of the area’s historical homes and museums. As a member of the Cupertino Historical Society she’d like to help preserve our local history as well as share it with members of our community and beyond.



## Fabrizio Vitagliano



Fabrizio was born in Italy and moved to Cupertino 3 years ago.

He is member of Cupertino Chamber of Commerce and Cupertino Rotary. He is also the Italian delegate for the Cupertino-Cupertino sister cities program. He had the opportunity to join the Cupertino city hall delegation during the visit in Cupertino Italy last April with City Mayor Darcy Paul and former Mayor Gilbert Wong.

He has a degree in law and a diploma in economics. He owns a restaurant in Cupertino, and he also helps Italian startups to invest and operate here in Silicon Valley.

Before moving to the US he lived in London. He is willing to be an active member of his new community.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### MAY THRU JULY 2018

### RENEWING MEMBERS

Valerie Abid  
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Ellie Bortner  
Sonja and Michael Cook  
Connie and Dennis Cunningham  
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Dorothy and Darryl Stow  
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Robert Vitro  
Mary and Irvin Webster  
Judy and Bill Wilson

### NEW MEMBERS

Joan Furusho  
Zorka Keenan

## HISTORY OF DEEP CLIFF GOLF COURSE

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Golf course developer, Clark Glasson, leased the eastern 55 acres from the Bracher’s for a golf course. He designed and built Deep Cliff Golf Course. Development was slowed by lack of water but he was able to open the first 9 holes on Thanksgiving Day, 1961. The last 9 holes opened in Spring 1962. Mr. Glasson and his family operated Deep Cliff Golf Course for many years.

He lived with his family in the home he built on the plateau above the club house. In 1992 he sold the operation of the course to John Telischak. It is now operated by Course Co., a golf management group.

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# A SIP OF HISTORY - NINE, WINE & DINE

By Cheryl Gagliasso

What a wonderful day. It started out with nine holes of golf where teams of four had the opportunity to show off their skills and Deep Cliff contributed part of our discounted fees to CHS!

The day continued with faithful members enjoying a fabulous BBQ that Deep Cliff's chef Norma provided. It was the best event food I've had in decades!

Then my favorite part, the auction began! My family outbid each other for the best rum cake in California, made of course by our own cousin Paula! We now have the dish inscribed on its back, as the "traveling cake dish"! So next year you will have another opportunity to bid on this scrumptious delight! There were Cupertino wines, cheeses, sweets, and a very special dinner event auctioned as well! And Deep Cliff sponsored a special game of golf for four including cart and lunch!

It was fun visiting old friends (families) and making new ones during this event! I'm always amazed at folks who know each other from Cupertino or know each other's family members, and of course sharing stories with the new members, sponsors and staff!

I'd like to thank the many volunteers and staff who work so hard putting this wonderful event on and please tell your Cupertino family/friends/and of course golfing friends that we will do it all over again next year!







Past Co-Presidents Donna Austin and Jane Alvarado passed the gavel to our new President Don Sun.

BBQ photos provided by  
Gail Fretwell Hugger, Crystal Tai, Ragini Sangameswara.

## Our Sincere Appreciation to all who supported this event:

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Susan & Shannon Lee





# INCREDIBLE MAN: JIMI YAMAICHI

|| By Jane Alvarado

An incredible individual passed away recently and I wanted to share a little of what I know about him. He was a man who had a multitude of life experiences and many accomplishments in his 95 years.

His name was Jimi Yamaichi. Our connection to him is that, like our founders, he dreamed that one day he would have a museum to celebrate his heritage. He was a driving force for the creation of the Japanese American Museum of San Jose. He was the curator, from its creation in 1987 until a short time before he passed away. The museum is located on 5th Street in the heart of San Jose's Japan Town. Their mission is to collect, preserve and share the Japanese American art, history and culture.

Aside from the museum, he had many other accomplishments. He was a community leader and worker, a mentor, role model, and inspiration to the Japanese community and beyond. In addition to the JAM museum, he helped start the annual Nikki Matsuri Festival in Japan-Town. He led the seismic renovation of the Buddhist Church. When they discovered the many carvings on the roof were deteriorating, he quickly educated himself on the art of wood carving and duplicated the original carvings on the roof himself.

You may have attended a panel discussion at the Cupertino City Hall a few years ago. It was a joint project on the Japanese Internment between the Cupertino Library Foundation and the Cupertino Historical Society. He was one of the participants and I remember him telling about the day they were driven away from their farm in east San Jose. He told how the tears were running down his father's cheeks as he looked at all of the crops in the field ready to be harvested, all their work . . . and they had to leave it all in the fields. At that time they didn't know if they would ever see their farm again.

Jimi learned a lot from his high school carpentry classes, prior to the Japanese Internment but he was unable to get into the union after graduation. However, during the internment, his carpentry skills were put to good use. He not only found things to do to keep himself busy, he taught others the carpentry skills. At the Tule Lake Internment, he was forced to build the jail which is one of the main buildings still standing. More recently he did a lot of restoration there and was instrumental in getting Tule Lake named a National Historic Landmark and National Park.

Fortunately, after the internment, his family was able to return to their farm. But Jimi wanted to earn his living as a carpenter, a craft he had honed during the internment. Due to his unrelenting persistence he was eventually allowed to join the Carpenters Union. He was the first Asian American admitted to the local union. Over the years he worked on many multi-million dollar projects as a carpenter and a contractor.

Following the 9/11 attack, Jimi reached out to the Muslim Americans, knowing full well the animosity they would be subjected to. He was a builder, literally and figuratively, and he wanted to help build bridges of communication between communities not hatred.

There is so much more that could be said about Jimi Yamaichi but you get the idea. Rest in peace, Jimi. Your legacy will live on.



## NEIGHBORHOOD MUSEUMS NEWS

### Butcher Family Home

|| <http://heritageparkmuseum.org/sample-page/butcher-family-home>

The Sunnyvale Historical Society has been around for 60 years with the goal of preserving and presenting the History of Sunnyvale. They are engaged with the City and the developer in an effort to relocate the 1912 Butcher house from its current location at Wolfe and El Camino to a location next to the museum at 570 E. Remington Drive in Sunnyvale.

The Butcher family has been in Sunnyvale since 1881 where they were successful fruit growers and innovators (Arthur Butcher invented the first orchard tractor) and became well established in the

community. Rolla Butcher, the patriarch of the family, built a beautiful Colonial Revival house in the 1890s which was demolished in 1980 to make room for a shopping center. In 1912, the year Sunnyvale was Incorporated, his brother, Arthur, built a custom American Ranch-style house which is the home they are trying to save. The 2,424 square foot house is a beautiful example of a luxury house from that era, specially designed and built for one of Sunnyvale's hard working, well-to-do orchardists. Its six foot high mahogany wainscoting, inlaid hardwood floors and lath and plaster walls are unique architectural features and a joy to behold!

### GARAGE SALE

The Sunnyvale Historical Society Museum's Fall garage sale fundraiser is scheduled for October 13, 2018.

# CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP

By Dave Frederick, Committee Member Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister City

On July 16th, 25 citizens and 11 city official delegates from Cupertino's Sister City, Toyokawa Japan, boarded buses bound for San Francisco airport amid hugs, tears, waves goodbye and promises to return. This year, 2018, marked the 40th Anniversary of the official relationship between these two communities. While student delegations are hosted every year by both cities, this official delegation exchange happens only once every five years.

As part of this visit, Toyokawa unveiled and presented a new permanent monument commemorating the anniversary installed on the grounds of Cupertino City Hall. Solidifying an already strong relationship, the monument incorporates both city logos along with an inscription to mark the event and those involved. Cupertino hosted a reception event on the morning of the first day of Toyokawa's visit, which included remarks by Cupertino Mayor, Darcy Paul, Toyokawa's Mayor, Minoru Yamawaki, and a special presentation of a poem written for the occasion by Cupertino's Poet Laureate, Kaecey McCormick.

The trip provided an opportunity for the Toyokawa delegation to see how much Cupertino has changed in the last five years and discover the history of Japanese Americans in the region. Their tour included stops at Apple Park Visitors Center, McClellan Ranch Park, Cupertino Memorial Park including the Senior Center, the Cupertino

Photo credit: Susan Satya



L - R: Don Sun, CHS&M President, The Mayor of Toyokawa - Mayor Yamawaki, Sharon Blaine, Gail Fretwell-Hugger, Ragini Sangameswara, Jane Alvarado, Alysa Sakkas

of the program and the production of the annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival. Even in situations where communication was difficult due to language, hosts and guests alike conveyed their mutual appreciation and friendship for their housemates.

The week culminated in a banquet held at Cupertino's Quinlan Center where gifts were exchanged, and the attendees were treated to performances by Cupertino Senior Center's own Aloha Nani Hula Dancers



History Museum, the Veterans Memorial, and the Japanese American Museum in San Jose. The Toyokawa group also expressed interest in civic services in Cupertino, so they toured City Hall, the Civic Center, and the Cupertino Library, followed by a visit to the Recology facility in Sunnyvale to see the region's approach to waste management and recycling.

Local Cupertino families hosted the Toyokawa visitors in their homes during the visit, many of whom participate in the Cupertino-Toyokawa Sister City Committee, a non-profit responsible for the administration



as well as music and dance groups representing the Bay Area's greater Asian diversity of Chinese, Southeast Asian, and Indian cultures.

In November of this year, a delegation of approximately 40 Cupertino citizens, led by Mayor Paul, will travel to Toyokawa in a reciprocal visit, capping the year-long 40th anniversary activities.

For more information, please visit [www.cupertinotoyokawa.org](http://www.cupertinotoyokawa.org), [www.cupertino.org](http://www.cupertino.org), [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toyokawa,\\_Aichi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toyokawa,_Aichi), and [www.city.toyokawa.lg.jp](http://www.city.toyokawa.lg.jp) (Japanese).

## CORRECTION:

In our previous newsletter we misidentified our guests in the attached photo at Paul & Eddie's. We apologize to (L to R) Marsha Guevera, David Belshaw, Robert Guevera, Cheryl Gagliasso for our mistake.





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