



THE CORNERSTONE

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Renew your membership today!

Our thanks to those members who have renewed their memberships and a reminder to our committed members to renew their membership in July 1996. Your membership dues play a key role in the daily operations of the museum, allowing us to present high quality exhibitions and programs for our members and the community.

With the decline in humanities funding to non-profit agencies, such as ourselves, each of us has to work harder to promote local history programs with personal outreach efforts. By renewing your membership, each of you is reaffirming your dedication to the Cupertino Historical Society and Museum. It is through your commitment that this heritage stays alive for all to understand and share.

Of course, membership in the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum has its privileges! Not only will you continue to receive our quarterly newsletter, *The Cornerstone*, but it enables you to Participate in Museum activities such as:

- * Annual Barbecue & annual meeting
- * Invitations to new exhibits, and receptions
- * 10% discount in our Museum Shops at Quinlan Center and Vallco
- * History presentations at the Historical Society potluck, held monthly in the Quinlan Center.
- * Museum volunteer & docent opportunities

Please return the enclosed envelope with your check today!

Charlie Liggett saves the day!

Thanks to **Charlie Liggett** who volunteered to be the chairman of the event in May, the annual meeting and barbecue was one of the best ever despite or perhaps owing to the fact that it was held at the Senior Center because of blustery weather. The hall is large and accommodated everyone comfortably. Along with **Kathy**, his wife, and **Kelly** his son-in-law the small crew put together a splendid evening. **Frances and Phil Bush** set up and decorated the tables and the chefs were our stalwart crew: **Joe Adamo, Bob Meyers, Ham Ryder and Dennis Cunningham**. Charlie took the extra time to collect gift certificates for food from local merchants giving them a chance to participate in our annual event. **Charles Newman** was able to persuade the band **Monday Nite Overcast** to play for the event. Their music of the 20's & 30's was well received. We all hope they will return and entertain us again next year, and play longer. **Thank you Charles.**

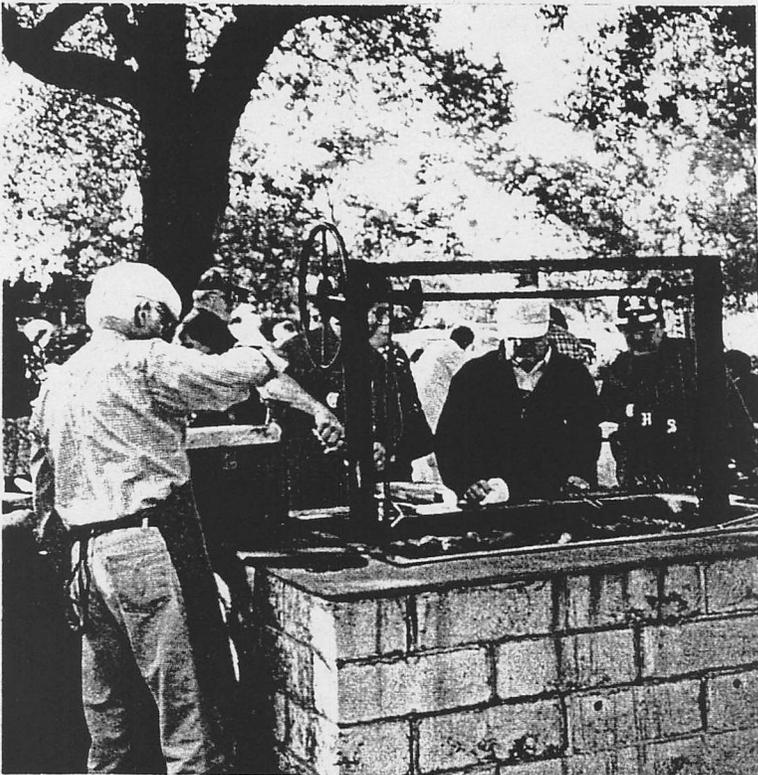
Our honored guest was **Julia Lamy** who received special recognition for her exemplary service to the Society and Museum. We have always had a positive working relationship with **Julia** and her staff.

Paula Quintero was in charge of the raffle this year and did an admirable job. Her committee consisted of **Mathilda Sousa and Kathy Liggett**. The prizes were splendid and we all discovered her new talent as an auctioneer when a T-Shirt was auctioned at \$125 to **Charles Gagliasso**. (We discovered she has a very large, extended family in Cupertino!) **Thanks Paula, it was great fun.**

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Board member Sharon Blaine and her husband Dick, Barbara and Pat Rogers and Martin Sorensen chat before the barbecue.



The cooking crew: Dennis Cunningham, Bob Meyers, Joe Adamo, Ham Ryder

Our special thanks to all the companies and individuals listed below who supported the event and added to the success of our June barbecue!

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20'S AND 30'S

MONDAY NITE
OVERCAST

Dedicated Board Members Retire After Years of Service

The early years of building the Museum needed insightful and decisive board members, **Don Allen** was one of those people. His honesty and forthrightness helped meet the challenges posed by a new organization. His expertise in the banking industry helped us set up our fiscal policy which is still in place. For six years **Don** was never too busy to give his time, talents and financial support to the Museum. These duties he always discharged with a sense of humor. Thank you **Don**, you will be missed.

As our president for three years, **Phil Bush**, has played many roles in the success of the Museum. He not only took on the duties thrust upon him when the president's position needed filling, but also worked at the Museum as a docent and ably helped in the local schools with our important Educational Trunk project. Phil has always had time for the Museum and I am happy to report he will be continuing his important work with the Museum's educational program.

Our heartfelt thanks to **Linda Schultz** who is retiring as Treasurer of the Historical Society and Museum. Linda has given many hours of her time keeping our computerized records up to date, doing the payroll and taxes, (that means many forms for non-profit agencies) and generally looking after the fiscal policies of the Society & Museum. All this has been accomplished while Linda has held a responsible, full-time position with Zircon Corporation where she spends 50% of her time traveling. Linda has offered to help familiarize the new treasurer with the fiscal procedures at the museum for which we are grateful.



IN MEMORIAM

Jeannie Ryder, a native of Ohio and long-time resident of Cupertino, passed away on May 7, 1996. Jeannie had a long career in education and the arts. With her devoted husband, Ham, always at her side, she made a name for herself locally by being an able and dedicated volunteer to many organizations. The Cupertino Historical Society and Museum was lucky to have known her and will dearly miss her. A Restricted Memorial Fund has been set up in her name. The following people have made contributions to this fund:

Mary Lou Lyon, Gail Hugger, Roger & Linda Schultz, Henrietta, Marcotte, Leslie & Carol McDowell, Augustine & Myrna Jelesko, Steve & Diane Haze, Donna Grce, Elena Kettler, Clara Perusina, Fred & Florence Lindsey, Miriam Stelling, Mathilda Sousa, Frances M. Dietz, Irene Perkov, Genevieve, Ziegler, Kathryn Donahue, Ann Zarko, Kathleen Peters, Janet & Robert Meyers, Hazel Fretwell, June E. Huffman, Linda M. Quintero, Paula Jean Quintero, Rhonda Miller, Kim Bentley, Freda & Daryl Moyer, Poh Lim, Joan Strayer, Eugene S. Brouse, Eileen Licitri, Betty George, Victoria L. Welch, Diana Vaniotis, Robert Mahrer, Anoushga Kulbashian, Mae & William H. Sheppard, Jr., Bill & Gord Lapson, Wendell & In Soon Carman, Peter Marra, Teresa & Roberto Martinez,



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Meet our New Board Members

For the last few months our hard working nominating committee has been at work to bring in members to the Board of Directors of the Cupertino Historical Society & Museum. The nominating Committee is the most important committee of the board. Without committed new Board Members the challenges that the Museum faces cannot be met. Our hats are off to the committee: **Phil Bush**, Chairman; **Dennis Cunningham**, Secretary of the Board; **Barbara Rogers**, dedicated Society Member; and **John Statton**, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. You have done an exemplary job.

It is with pleasure that we welcome our new Board members. Three were accepted on June 25rd at the annual meeting, **Sharon Blaine** has been working hard on the Board for a few months, completing the term that Charles Kilian was unable to finish. That term ends in 1998.

Sharon Blaine is a native of California who grew up in the Los Angeles area, graduated from UCLA, and was a teacher before moving to Cupertino in 1968. She has been involved in Cupertino government for several years, sitting on the City Planning Commission for 9 years. Sharon is a member of several Boards of Directors among which are the Cupertino/Sunnyvale Chapter of AAUW, (where she was President) and The Brandeis Women's Committee. Sharon has been a long time supporter of the Society & Museum working diligently on the successful *Flea Market* of several years ago and on the *Fields of Dreams Luncheon* last fall.

Gail Hugger, is a native of Cupertino and has been a member of the Historical Society since 1980, she was instrumental in the planning and opening of the Museum. Gail attended the Old Cupertino Union School (site of the Cupertino Medical Center) and has worked in the periodicals department of the Cupertino library for over 20 years. Community activities, reading, gardening and her family keep her busy. Gail is a descendant of the Regnart and Gagliasso families who helped settle Santa Clara Valley in the late 1800's. The

Fretwell family (Gail's father) moved from Missouri to the valley in 1914. Thanks to Gail we have pictures of the few historical sites that are left in Cupertino.

Rose-Marie Twu is a 20-year Sunnyvale resident and the incoming president of the Cupertino-Sunnyvale League of Women Voters. She co-chairs the Chinese Historical and Cultural Project which built the replica of the Ng Shing Gung temple of Santa Clara Valley's lost Chinatown, of a hundred years ago to regain a segment of our local history for all of us. She is excited about the challenges of her various community projects on public information, voter assistance, diversity enhancement and appreciation of differences. She believes in "nothing happens...unless first a dream"-a quote she found while restoring the 125-ft *Golden Dragon of Heart's Delight*. Rose-Marie is looking forward to her board participation.

Itsuo Uenaka, born in San Jose, now lives in Saratoga with Marian his wife and three children. "Its", as he is fondly known, is a retired nursery man and is best known to Cupertino residents as the president and general manager of the Cupertino Nursery that was founded by his parents in 1948. He is now president of the Maiko Company in San Jose. The Cupertino Rotary Club, The Chamber of Commerce, San Jose Buddhist Church, and the City of Cupertino Sign Review Committee are a few of the civic organizations of which he is a part. The Cupertino Historical Society is fortunate to have his participation on our Board of Directors for the next three years.

Charles Liggett, a present Board Member, has consented to fill out Jeannie Ryder's term through 1997.



RECENT DONATIONS:

Contributions

Robert & Kathy Nellis (Annual Fund Drive 95/6)
Herbert & Mae Regnart (AFD 95/6), Mathilda Sousa, Winifred Mardesich, Laurie Dean, Garden Gate School.

Memorials

For Don Frolich: Henrietta Marcotte, Cupertino National Bank, Miriam Stelling, Mathilda Sousa
For Stephen Jugum: Henrietta Marcotte.



VOLUNTEER NOTES *from Roberta Zentner*

The new exhibit is a very popular one. Visitors to the museum enjoy the display and volunteers help them to understand the history of these times past. Our Vallco exhibit is also a popular one with shoppers at the mall. They enjoy seeing the Picchetti bedroom furniture and photographs of the Cupertino area. They like to reminisce about the past with our volunteers.

We still are in need of additional volunteers for our Vallco site. The Vallco museum is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 12 noon to 3 pm. Please help us to keep this museum open to the public. Call 973-1495 if you can help at Vallco.

Coming up in August is the Annual Chamber of Commerce Art & Wine Festival. The Cupertino Historical Society will once again have a booth at this affair. We will need volunteers to man the booth and for set-up and take-down. Please help us to make this event a success. It will take place on Saturday and Sunday, August 10th & 11th in the Civic Center area off Torre Avenue. Please call to volunteer.

**MEMBERSHIPS:****New-96/7***

Aileen Hertweck, Charles E. Corr, Irene Bennett, Mike Youmans, Itsuo Uenaka, Steven Sloan, Marie Moore, Mary Ellen Chell, Nicol Lea, Michael Chang.

Renewals-96/7*

Ted & Louise Bollinger, Dorothy Gardner, Elena & William Kettler, June E. Huffman, Elio & Tish Picchetti, Richard & Katherine Scanlan, Donna & Scott Austin, Charles Rifredi, Paula Quinterno, Linda Quinterno, Sam & Marilyn Lawson, Fred & Florence Lindsey, Gordon & Nellie Beckstrom.

*as of 7/2/96

What is "Victorian"?

"Victorian is a term used to describe things that were developed during the reign of Queen Victoria of Britain. Her Reign (1841-1901), covers differing styles & philosophies, yet provides a comfortable catch-all category for modern eyes. Edward VII, Victoria's son, reigned for less than a decade, but nonetheless lent his name to an era that reacted against the excesses of Victorians. For the Edwardians, comfort was more important than ostentation, though ornamentation was still high by modern standards. except from "Fields of Dreams" catalogue available at the Museum.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:****July**

- 6 Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, Quinlan Community Center
- 10 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, QCC
- 28 Chinese Summer Festival, 10 am - 5 pm, San Jose Historical Museum, Kelly Park

August

- 3 Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, QCC
- 10/11 Cupertino Art & Wine Festival, 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Cupertino Civic Center
- 14 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, QCC

September

- 7 Volunteer Meeting, 9 am, QCC
- 11 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, QCC
- 24 General Meeting, 6:30 pm, QCC

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THE CUPERTINO HISTORICAL SOCIETY-

a private non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the history of Cupertino and the surrounding region. We operate our main museum in the Quinlan Community Center, along with a satellite museum at Vallco Fashion Park on Stevens Creek Blvd. Museum hours are 10-4pm, Wednesday thru Saturday. Our Vallco site is open on Tuesday and Saturday from noon -3pm. Both museums are open to the public, and admission is free. General meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month and are preceded by a potluck dinner. For additional information on the Society or the Museums call 973-1495.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JULY 1996

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Roberta Zentner

Museum Coordinator

*****WISH LIST*****

A working (new or used) copy machine, or the name of a company where the Director may write a proposal.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Cupertino Historical Society needs volunteers to greet visitors at our main museum located at the Quinlan Community Center in Cupertino and at our satellite museum at Vallco Fashion Park on Stevens Creek Blvd.

CALL 973-1495 FOR DETAILS

CUPERTINO HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Quinlan Community Center

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*Current Exhibit:
Fields of Dreams
Women of Cupertino
1855 - 1925*

*What was life like for your grandmother?
Was it really so different?*