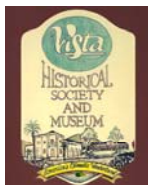


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## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

Looks like we won, folks. At Thursday's Vista School Board meeting, trustees voted not to sell Rancho Minerva. Instead, the School Board decided to work out a land swap deal with the City of Vista. The Rancho Minerva site will be ours soon. Thanks to Paul Eckert, Curator Janice Klafehn, Director Jack Larimer, and Caitlyn Larkin representing her father David, all of whom got up to speak for us. Thanks also to many of our steadfast volunteers and board members who were present for their support of the Vista Historical Society. You all are terrific.

The Museum is moving and we are packing up everything, making way for the new fire station. We will be out of our location on November 15th and will let you know when we will be open for business again. Thank you, wonderful volunteers and members, for all your time spent in packing, cleaning, and sorting all the artifacts and for all the other jobs of moving. This move is going to be good for us. As we pack things, we have found items we did not know we had. This allows us to put everything in order.

Remember that on December 9th we are holding our Christmas Tea. Santa Claus will be there as well as an abundance of door prizes and many yummy goodies. Let us know if any of you have a special recipe for a goody that you would like to bring to share. Call Carolyn Chiriboga at 727-3616 to let her know.

We will still be packing up in the first week of November. If you have time to come down and help, it would be much appreciated as well as having a fun time with old friends.

## **THE MUSEUM MOVE**

By Janice Klafehn, Museum Curator

Well, as you may have seen in recent papers, the museum is on the move. We will be out of our current location by November 15, 2007. We will be moving to the industrial park south of Shadowridge. Our temporary address will be 1315 Hot Springs Way, Suite 110. The phone number will remain the same, 760-639-0444.

While Jack Larimer was on vacation, the board members, docents and myself have been extremely busy preparing the museum and our artifacts for the move.

We went through all the desk drawers, cabinets and bookcases in the office to ensure that all donated artifacts and documents were removed from the office area and placed in either archival boxes or archival document protectors and paper to ensure they would be protected during the move.

If you could have seen the back room, you would be very impressed with the progress we have made. To date, all the books from the library have been photographed, cataloged, boxed and inventoried. The majority of the items in the back room have been photographed, and cataloged. Thanks to prior board members and docents, the more fragile items, clothing, linens and items such as that were already stored in archival boxes in the backroom, and now they have been photographed, inventoried and cataloged.

We are still working on donated documents and photographs, which at this point seems like we will never get

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**MEMORIALS**

As of October 22, 2007

**IN MEMORY OF BARBARA GROSS**

Doris C. "Dodie" Heffer  
Greg and Annemarie Cox

**IN MEMORY OF BEE MEYER**

Luz and Margarita Duran  
Greg and Annemarie Cox

**IN MEMORY OF PETE LUSARDI**

Greg and Annemarie Cox

**IN MEMORY OF ALICIA DURAN**

Luz and Margarita Duran

**IN MEMORY OF JOHN GERZ**

Luz and Margarita Duran

**IN MEMORY OF PAUL L.V. CAMPO**

Paul V. L. Campo  
Raub Mathias  
Mike and Jane Gilbert  
City of Vista  
Ted and Irene Huntalas  
Velia Villasenor  
Luz and Margarita Duran  
Paul and Diane Eckert

**IN MEMORY OF CLOYD SORENSEN**

Sandi Graham  
Ray and Harriet Ebersold

**DONATIONS**

Luz and Margarita Duran

**DONATIONS: LIFE MEMBER**

Edward and Carmen Mojado

**IN MEMORY OF RICHARD DURAN**

Luz and Margarita Duran

**IN MEMORY OF THEDA B. BROWN**

Luz and Margarita Duran

**IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY GAISER**

Paul and Diane Eckert

**IN MEMORY OF JAMES GAISER**

Paul and Diane Eckert

**DINNER DOWNTOWN VII**

On Saturday, September 15, The Vista Historical Society celebrated the seventh of its Dinners Downtown. For the second time, the dinner was held on South Citrus Avenue adjacent to the flagpole area.

Three Sisters Catering again provided the food. The buffet menu featured a ham and turkey dinner and all the trimmings, lemonade, coffee, and Dutch apple pie. Also for the second year, Historical Society member David Larkin's **Big Band and Jazz Hall of Fame** entertained throughout the afternoon.

Assisting this year with the festivities were Miss Vista and several participants in the Miss Vista Pageant, directed by Laura Bednar, the Pageant Director.

As is the tradition at the Dinner Downtown, many participants decorated their tables.

Prizes were awarded in five categories. Winners this year were:

1. Best in Service Clubs: Boys' and Girls' Club Table
2. Most Beautiful: Miss Vista Pageant table
3. Most Historical: The Hayward Table
4. Most Patriotic: The Republican Women's Table
5. Most Whimsical: Vista High School Class of '55

This Dinner Downtown was one of the most successful. Thanks to all those who participated' with special thanks to Richard Sepulveda, Janice Klafehn, Melinda Andersen, Carolyn Chiriboga and, of course, Paul and Diane Eckert and their family.

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## MOVE

through them all. Although this is a long, drawn-out process, it is anything but tedious, because as we go through the photos and documents in particular, we stop to review and discuss our find. I recently found a history of the Huntalas family done by a student in Vista as well as a permit to make alcohol for personal use submitted by the Marron family in 1936 during Prohibition. Being a member of the Delpy family, I found this extremely interesting, since we had the Buena Vista Winery, which was closed down during Prohibition. We apparently didn't need to file such a permit, because as long as I can remember Maria Delpy, "Nana" as we called her, was always bringing up the last bottle of wine from the cellar.

Since I recently became the museum Curator, it is my intention to ensure that all accessions, donations, or whatever you call them are cataloged, photographed and acknowledged in writing. This is of particular importance this year because as a donor, you will need to have a receipt to claim it on your taxes. With checks, you can use your copy. We are working on ensuring all cash received for the sale of merchandise receives a receipt and I am trying to acknowledge all other donations such as photographs, documents and tangible items. If you have made such a donation this year and have not received an acknowledgement from us, please contact me either at the museum, 760-630-0444, or at home, 760-724-4460, or via email, [yhm67@sbcglobal.net](mailto:yhm67@sbcglobal.net) or [jklafehn@aol.com](mailto:jklafehn@aol.com).

Not all donations received by the museum are historic or monetary. We have received items that can be used by the museum, such as display cases, office supplies and computers.

I want to express my thanks again to the board members and docents who have been helping me these past two weeks.

## FAMILY FUN FEST STREET FAIR

By Janice Klafehn, Museum Curator

The Vista Historical Society set up a booth at Family Fun Fest street fair held on September 30, 2007, downtown on Main Street.

It was a huge success. We had a great day; the weather was wonderful, met a lot of new people and signed up four new members.

I was amazed at the number of young people (mid-twenties) who were so impressed with the older photos/displays that we brought. They expressed that they really liked the old history.

We met one new member who actually lives in upstate New York, but was born here in Vista, Lorene Nans. She expressed that she wanted to see our museum but was leaving the next day. I told her we were closed for inventory, but to knock on the door. She did; she is a docent at a museum in upstate New York. I had a delightful time reviewing the museum and discussing ideas ranging from protection of our archives to ideas on fund-raising.

Annemarie Cox, former Director of the Museum and current Director of the San Diego Archaeological Center, came to support our booth and demonstrated how to weave necklaces to children and adults alike.

We had planned to have a booth at the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Museum Fall Show scheduled in October. With the pending move of the Historical Society, we decided against it; however, you can expect to see us at other events in the future.

I want to take the time to thank Paul Eckert for providing the tables, chairs and awning for the event as well as taking his own time with the aid of his grandson Jonathon to set up and tear down the booth. Also, my thanks go out to Carolyn Chiriboga and Sandi Graham and Annemarie Cox, who volunteered to man the booth, as well as Melinda Anderson, who boxed up all the merchandise and made our table covers.

## CHRISTMAS TEA

This year, The Christmas Tea will be held at the Brengle Terrace Park Recreation Center Auditorium. It is located at 1200 Vale Terrace. The tea will start at 2:00 in the afternoon, and last two hours. Santa Claus will be there, as will door prizes and refreshments. Let us know if any of you have a special recipe that you would like to bring to share. Call Carolyn Chiriboga at 727-3616 to let her know. For those unfamiliar with Brengle Terrace Park, the City provides these directions:

### From Oceanside:

Take 78 East

Exit on Escondido Avenue - turn left

Continue on Escondido Avenue to East Vista Way - turn right

Continue on East Vista Way to Vale Terrace Drive - turn right

Go in first entrance into park.

### From Escondido:

Take 78 West

Exit on Escondido Avenue - turn right

Continue on Escondido Avenue to East Vista Way - turn right

Continue on East Vista Way to Vale Terrace Dr. - turn right

Go in first entrance into park. On entering the park, the building housing the auditorium will be right in front of you as will the parking. If you have questions, call 760-630-0444 or 760-519-8425.

## BEST IN SERVICE CLUBS DINNER DOWNTOWN VII VISTA BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB



**MOST WHIMSICAL TABLE  
VISTA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '55**



**MOST HISTORICAL  
THE HAYWARD TABLE**



**MOST BEAUTIFUL  
MISS VISTA PAGEANT TABLE**

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**MOST PATRIOTIC  
THE REPUBLICANS WOMEN'S CLUB TABLE**



**REMEMBER THE CHRISTMAS TEA  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2007**



**BREngle TERRACE PARK  
RECREATION CENTER AUDITORIUM  
1200 VALE TERRACE  
2:00-4:00 p.m.**

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### FAMILY FUN FEST STREET FAIR



CAROLYN CHIRIBOGA AND SANDI GRAHAM AT THE SOCIETY BOOTH



### FAMILY FUN FEST STREET FAIR



ANNEMARIE COX GIVES WEAVING INSTRUCTION IN THE PICTURES ABOVE AND TO THE LEFT.



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