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History San José Honors Volunteers at Annual Dinner

San Jose, CA - September 13, 2013 - Each year, History San José hosts a dinner at History Park to honor the dedicated volunteers who help keep HSJ running. Last week HSJ honored those volunteers.

“At the dinner, the staff wait on the volunteers and try to show them how much we appreciate their help seven days a week! We absolutely could not operate the Museum without them.” said Alida Bray, President and CEO of History San José.

The Volunteer Recognition Dinner, held on Thursday, September 12 at History Park, brings together volunteers from every service area: retail and events, collections and archives, education and outreach, gardening and facilities —even window washing!

Many of the volunteers contribute their time in more than one area of service. Many have been instrumental in developing new programs and activities for our visitors.

“All of the volunteers’ contributions – large and small – make it possible for History San José to preserve the Valley’s history and bring it to the public,” added Bray. “They are our unsung heroes and appreciated more than they know.”

This year the following volunteers are being saluted by HSJ for their many years of service:

35 years of service to HSJ: Nancy Martin, Education and Portraits of the Past (POP);

30 years of service: Ida Raby, and Darlean Slack, Retail;
Dave Robison, Printer;

25 years of service: Judy Borcharding, Education; Mike Brownlee, POP and Trolley Barn; Nancy Peters, POP

20 years of service: JoAnn Renk, education; Barbara Shaeffer, Collections; Jack Stallard, Trolley Barn;

15 years of service: Martha Champion, Education, POP;

10 years of service: Steve Demkowski, Education, Bee-keeping; Stuart Hansen, Collections; Will Jensby, Collections; and Joan Shepley, Education;

5 years of service: Becky Barber, Printer; Larry Larson, Trolley Barn; and Ray Paik, Collections.

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About History San José:

History San José is a non-profit organization that collects, preserves and celebrates the stories of diversity and innovation in San José and the Santa Clara Valley. HSJ manages one of the largest and most comprehensive regional history collections in the State of California, from 1784 Spanish governmental records to twenty-first century Silicon Valley technology.

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History Park at Kelley Park is located at 1650 Senter Road, between Phelan & Keyes in San Jose. For GPS mapping use 635 Phelan Avenue. City parking is available for \$6. For more information visit historysanjose.org or call 408 287 2290.