NOTES FROM THE BOARD

We hope to see you at our General Meeting on April 10th. Due to the noon hour scheduling of the meeting at the Museum, we plan to dispense with the business part of the agenda. Election of officers will be held and our architects for the Museum Complex will present a program to acquaint us with plans for the development of the replica park. Your questions and comments are invited.

Action taken at the last Association Board Meeting is reported for your information in this newsletter.

Our guide program for school children is going very well. We have ten volunteers working regularly and the response from teachers and children has been overwhelming. Orientation programs are scheduled every six weeks. Should you be interested in participating, contact the museum secretary.

June 18th will be the final day to join the Museum Association as a Charter Member. Our Historical Museum will mark its first anniversary at that time. We hope to plan another social event about that date as we have not sponsored one since the opening Champagne Party last June. A committee has been formed if you would like to help, please call our secretary, Molly Swenson, at 353-1748.

You will soon be receiving a roster of our membership along with committee lists.

Hope to see you on April 10th.

Sylvia de Benedetti
Museum Association President Pro tem

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC SAN JOSÉ

The Museum Association is happy to present an opportunity to view the historic past of our colorful City of San Jose. Your well-informed guide on the hour and a half tour will be Mr. Leonard McKay, Vice President of the Historic Landmarks Commission. The tour is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th, at 11:00 a.m. (rainy weather would postpone tour one week to Wednesday, April 26th).

Meet at the Central Fire Station at Market & St. James Streets. (Parking available across from St. James Street.)
FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The Museum's St. Patrick's Day Party was a real success and I'm sorry more of you couldn't attend. Hopefully, you'll be able to attend the Association's party in June.

We have two new displays at the Museum. Through the generosity of the Santa Clara Valley Bicycle Association, who refurbished our bike collection, we have an excellent display of early day bicycles including an all wooden bike that may be the oldest bicycle in the world. For those of you who are doll fans or are interested in the history of nursing through the ages, we have a unique collection. The O'Connor Nursing Home recently gave the Museum its sixty-year collection of dolls. Each graduating nursing class presented the Nursing Home with a doll in the costume of an era in the history of nursing. The collection is colorful and eye catching as well as educational.

Although not a display, you horticulturists may be interested in seeing the Museum patio. The patio is freshly landscaped and is leafing out with much new foliage. Grapes, honeysuckle, evergreens, and guavas are among the many plants now gracing the entrance to the Museum.

The school visitation program is going full swing and every available date from now until the end of the school year is filled. We now have 12 well-trained docents who are performing admirably in leading classes throughout the Museum. If you are interested in becoming a docent, our next training class will be held April 11th and 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

John B. Dowty
Museum Director

MEXICO

A special travel opportunity is available to you. The American Association of Museums is offering a chance to visit Mexico City June 17-22. Round trip to Mexico City from Los Angeles, hotel accommodations (double occupancy), travel to and from airport, and a tour of the Anthropology Museum is included in the $190.00 per person price.

If you are interested in more information, please call the Museum immediately as reservations must be made by the end of March to take advantage of this special offering.

WHAT ABOUT SOME PIONEER

WHAT DID WE DO BEFORE TV????
PIONEER RECIPE - Sent in by Gladys Czapkay

SOUR DOUGH PANCAKES

Starter
1 cup sugar  ½ c. mashed potato
4 cups flour  potato water to thin
Combine and make thin batter. Place in crock and
leave in a warm spot for 4-8 hours. Refrigerate for
future use.

For the Pancakes
At night you take,
1 cup starter dough and
½ cup sugar, 2 c. flour,
2 T plain mashed potato and potato
water to thin with. Store in warm
spot overnite.

In the morning
Pay back 1 cup of starter.
Now add to the remaining
batter the following
2 eggs 2 T melted butter
1 tsp soda dissolved in 2 T
hot water.
If batter is too thick, it was
not kept warm enough and you
can thin it with milk.
Drop batter onto a very hot
griddle.

Now off to the mines.....

WALKING TOUR - cont'd from front page

A few of the landmarks visited include the Captain Fallon House, the Peralta
Adobe built in 1804, the Trinity Episcopal Church with its beautiful stained
glass windows, and an antique fire equipment display. Mr. McKay points out
the historical significance of the places visited and adds bits of colorful
and often little-known sidelights as the tour progresses.

Call the Museum at 287-2290 for reservations.

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM A SCHOOL TEACHER

Thank you for the wonderful time my class and I enjoyed at your museum. Our
guides, Mrs. Malvini and Mrs. Giannotti, were great! ............. I love your
policy of allowing the children to touch and manipulate your relics ..........
Your outside yard is a child’s delight! ........... The class unanimously in-
sists that we take another field trip to visit you this year.

Kathelen Johnson
You are invited to participate

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Enclosed is my check for $__________, entitling me to all membership privileges in the San Jose Historical Museum Association. Make checks payable to San Jose Historical Museum Association. Memberships are deductible within legal limits for tax purposes.

Dear Readers:

Thank you for your recipes. I will publish as many as I can each month.

I really appreciate the letters and suggestions that I am receiving each month. Please keep them coming - at least I know that you are reading our Newsletter and taking an interest in OUR MUSEUM.

Sincerely,

Madge, Your Editor

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