NOTES FROM THE BOARD

The second quarterly meeting of the Museum Association was held in September. We were pleased to see so many of you in attendance and are hopeful that your enthusiasm will extend itself to participation in some of the Association sponsored activities. New dates for Museum guide training are included in this newsletter.

Plans are underway for development of the replica park in the front of the Museum. We will keep you up-to-date on the progress and the opportunities we will all have to be a part of the project.

We extend congratulations to the newly elected officers of the San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission: Mrs. Laurence E. Bulmore, President; Leonard McKay, Vice President; and Irwin Cohen, Secretary.

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions in building our Association.

Sylvia de Benedetti

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The MUSEUM finished its best month from an attendance standpoint on October 31st. We had 688 paid and 371 free admissions. This is up from 1,000 for the month of August.

A new six page brochure for all the schools in Santa Clara County entitled "WHEN YOUR CLASS VISITS" was sent out recently. Designed by the Museum staff, the brochure interestingly details what a class may expect to see at the Museum, how the Museum expects the class to conduct itself, a map of the area and a self-addressed reservation card. We have had many compliments from educators throughout the County.

The Sales Desk has been moved to the entrance foyer and the items for sale are now colorfully mounted in a well lighted area. With the increase in attendance, we expect to see a similar increase in sales.

The Museum staff and members of the Association will be involved in the Christmas Lane Show when they put up an old fashioned Christmas tree at the Civic Auditorium complete with candles, popcorn, and cranberry strings. Anyone having old time tree ornaments is encouraged to loan them to the staff for this show.

John B. Dowty

MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

The Association needs volunteers for many of its activities. If you can spare some time, please call the Historical Museum at 287-2290 (between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday).
PERSONALITY PROFILE

ANTHONY SAPENA

Tony Sapena is a man who wears many hats, besides holding down a full time job for 26 years in the Fire Department (he is now District Chief of the San Jose Fire Department), he is a history buff and has a long and impressive record of service to his community.

Tony was born and raised and went to school in the City of Santa Clara. Therefore, it is only natural that he has a great love for "His Valley." He has just completed six years of service on the City of San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission, during this period he served one year as vice president and one year as president. It was during his term of office that the Historical Museum and Association became a part of San Jose.

Tony has also been a member of the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County for nine years and, at this time, is its vice president.

Another hat that this fine man wears is helping the mentally retarded. He is a charter member of the Advisory Commission on Mental Retardation of Santa Clara County, now serving the last year of a second term. He was appointed to this position by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. Tony has worked very hard to improve recreational and other programs for the mentally retarded. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Hope for Retarded Children and Adults Inc.

Another community project that is dear to his heart is the Mexican-American - he has worked on the Mexican-American Studies Committee of the Community Council of Central Santa Clara County. This Committee received a foundation grant and conducted extensive study of the Mexican-American problems in the Santa Clara County.

An honor bestowed upon this outstanding citizen for his good work in the Pacific Neighbors organization (a Sister City program of the City of San Jose) made him an Honorary Fire Chief of San Jose, Costa Rica.

Tony is interested in so many projects to improve the lot of persons of all nationalities as well as those whose mental capacity is not perfect that we should salute him for his endeavors and be proud that we have him in our community.

(Article compiled by Mary "Madge" Saksena from information supplied by Mrs. Ann Sapena.)

BOOK OF THE MONTH

CINNABAR HILLS by Laurence E. Bulmore and Milton Runyon.

This is one of the most asked about subjects in the California Room - located at the main branch of the City Library, 180 West San Carlos Street, San Jose.

It's a very good history of the mining town of Almaden.
MISSION SANTA CLARA de ASIS
By Mary "Madge" Saksena

1. What was the name of the Father who established Mission Santa Clara?

2. What was the name of the first English language school in California?

3. Where was Mission Santa Clara originally scheduled to be built?

4. What was the name of the man who escorted the missionaries and soldiers to Santa Clara on November 7, 1777 to found the pueblo of San Jose, the first town (and later capital) of California?

5. On what date did Father Junipero Serra lay the corner stone for a permanent adobe church at the Santa Clara Mission?

ANSWERS at bottom of this page.

Santa Clara Mission was one of the last missions to be built. However, it was badly damaged in the 1812 earthquake, and before all repairs could be completed it was struck again in 1818 by another earth tremor.

The Mission was eventually moved to another location and a permanent church was built and completed in 1825.

As the years went by the Fathers found it very hard to make ends meet and when California became an American possession in 1851 it was turned over to the Jesuits.

Today there is very little left of the original structure and its contents due to the many unfortunate disasters which consumed most of the original adobe structures. The few artifacts that have survived are now housed in the museum next door to the reconstructed Mission.

However, it is still a very worthwhile place to visit and should be placed on your agenda of interesting historical places to see in the San Jose area.

ANSWERS to above questions.

1. Father Tomas de la Pena.
2. Mission Santa Clara de Asis (now the University of Santa Clara).
3. The original destination of the Santa Clara Mission was to be situated near what is now known as the town of Castaic in Los Angeles County.
5. November 19, 1781.

TO OUR READERS:

We would like to hear from you. Please let us have your suggestions and ideas so that we may improve our Newsletter. All correspondence should be addressed to the Newsletter Editor, San Jose Historical Museum, 635 Phelan Avenue, San Jose, California 95112.
The docent training program held in September was very successful. We now have 6 well trained guides. Those completing the training program are:

Mrs. Franklin Agardy  Mrs. Darrel Jensen
Mrs. Ray Sampson  Mrs. Gary Malvini
Mrs. Robert Nicholls  Mrs. Marvin Bamburg

These ladies will be conducting all the school groups through the Museum and will enhance each child's experience in our Museum.

The HISTORICAL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION will sponsor another orientation and docent training program on Tuesday mornings the 30th of November and 7th of December. Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and last until noon. All classes are held at the Historical Museum, 635 Phelan Avenue, San Jose. These are very informative sessions and anyone interested in the Museum is invited to attend.

To register for the docent program, please contact:

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