

# Newsletter of the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society

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## OUR RESPONSE TO THE FIRESTORM

By Tom Cook, President



Our hearts pour out to those who have lost everything during this, the "Great Firestorm of 2007". Both cherished possessions and irreplaceable records, photos, letters, artifacts are no more. To stand by the ashes of our major Historic Site, the Sikes Farmstead of 1881, so recently restored at great expense. It can make you cry. We could go on and on but what possible good could be found in this, the greatest tragedy that this area has ever faced? As we see it, nothing can be un-done but your Historical Society plays a huge roll in capturing, preserving and presenting to future generation what really happened before it is lost. An example is the Great Flood of 1916 that the SD Historical Society captured so well.

To this end I ask that our members and all others help to 'document the moment' Please drop off at the Museum or at Village Mail any photos, maps, sad stories, success stories, heroic stories, antiques, videos, etc. Please note your name and phone. With all this in safe storage we will at a future date condense this 'moment in RB History' for presentation long after much is forgotten. This is our justification as a Society and a reason for your support.

In closing I thank all those who have worked so hard in the past year and those who have given their financial support for the new Museum. My dream is a new open museum this time next year.....*To All a Happy Holiday.*



## RBHS Annual Commemorative Ornament

Here's a way to commemorate your support of the RBHS every year! These ornaments are about 3 1/2 inches wide and have the Historical Society logo embossed on balsa wood. Comes ready to hang!

Visit our web site to order ornament  
[www.RBHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.RBHistoricalSociety.org)

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### . RB Historical Society Is the Winner!

By Nancy Canfield



At the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation Thanksgiving luncheon on November 20, the RBHS was named winner of the 2007 Impact Grant of \$15,000!

That's right! We are 50 steps closer to our goal of building our Rancho Bernardo Museum – Paver steps that is. Last month, we set a goal of

selling 300 paving stones at \$250 each, to enable us to break ground. Isn't that exciting? Dollar by dollar, event by event, donation by donation we have been the little engine that could, remember? 'I think I can, I think I can, I think I have a plan, and I can do most anything if I just think I can.' And you can help. Through the purchase of a 'paver' that will grace the walkway and the gardens to the beautiful new museum, you can commemorate yourself, your family or group, or other friends down through time. That's what the museum is all about: preserving history's past, present, and future. For more information about this program, please visit our expanded online store at <http://rbhistoricalsociety.org/> Thank you!



Grant recipients and donors during the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon held at the Rancho Bernardo Inn and hosted by the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By Susan Floyd

RBHS held its general membership meeting at the Library community room on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

President Tom Cook welcomed County Supervisor Pam Slater Price and thanked her for the generous support of the museum project. Supervisor Price explained the county's granting process and presented the society with a proclamation commending the RBHS for improving the quality of life in RB by providing information, education and displays which connect the residents to their past. She also declared October 15, 2007, to be Rancho Bernardo Historical Society Day throughout the county. President Cook also presented RBCF President Steve Riddle a certificate thanking the Community Foundation for their past and continued support.

In addition, elections were held for 2007-2008 board members.

We welcome new members Mary and Greg Stanton .



Nancy Canfield, Tom Cook, Supervisor Pam Slater Price and Susan Floyd upon presentation of a Proclamation.



Rancho Bernardo Historical Society President Tom Cook presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Steve Riddle of the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation.



# CHRISTMAS EVE

## in beautiful Rancho Bernardo

*'Twas the night before Christmas and all through our town,  
No noses were frozen, no snow fluttered down.*

*No children in flannels were tucked into bed,  
They all wore their shorty pajamas instead.*

*To find wreaths of holly was not very hard,  
For holly trees sprouted right in the back yard.*

*In front of the houses were daddys and moms,  
Admiring the bushes and beautiful palms.*

*The slumbering kiddies were dreaming in glee,  
And hoped they'd find water skis under the tree.*

*They all knew that Santa was well on his way,  
In a Mercedes-Benz instead of a sleigh.*

*And soon he arrived and started to work;  
He hadn't a second to linger or shirk.*

*He whizzed o'er the highways and zoomed up the road  
In a shiny new sports car delivering his load.*

*The tropical moon gave the city a glow  
And lighted the way for Santa below.*

*As he jumped from the auto he gave a wee chuckle;  
He was dressed in Bermudas with an Ivy League buckle.*

*There weren't many chimneys but that caused no gloom,  
For Santa came in through the patio room.*

*He stopped at each house, staying only a minute,  
And lightened his sack of the gifts that were in it.*

*Before he departed he treated himself  
To a glass of orange juice left on the shelf.*

*Then he turned with a jerk and bounced back to the car,  
Remembering he still had to go very far.*

*He stepped on the gas and put it in gear  
And drove throughout town singing with cheer.*

*And I heard him exclaim as he went on his way,  
"Merry Christmas, Rancho Bernardo, I wish I could stay!"*

— Author unknown





## DONORS OF SUPPLIES TO SUPPORT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**LONGS DRUG STORES**, 11655 Duenda Road, SD 92127, **Rich**, Assistant Manager, donated 200 USA flag lapel pins.

**CAFE MERLOT**, **Tricia McCormick**, donated 100 cartons of yogurt, butter pats, maple syrup. Loaned baskets, platters, trays for use at Reception and Pancake Breakfast.

**CHUCK INNIS**, 17505 Corte Lomas Verdes, Poway 92064, 487-0645, coordinated the loan of the Kiwanis grill, coffee pots, paper plates and cups, plastic forks and knives, pancake mix, coffee, sugar, etc. Provided cooks, **Gus Sipkes** and **Bill Postel**. Also arranged the transfer of their grill by **Bill Medved** of PUSD Transportation Dept.

**GARY POWERS**, SDNCC, provided sound system for Reception and Breakfast

**JACK AND SHARON WELLINGTON**, 13567 Orchard Gate Road, Poway 92064, 679-7065, bought supplies at Smart & Final, solicited Plowboys for crate of bananas and crate of apples, solicited **RB Henry's** for sausage and **Poway Henry's** for gift card, solicited **Trader Joe's** for orange juice, solicited **Albertsons** and **Barons** for gift cards, and coordinated food amounts and supplies with **Chuck Innis** for Pancake Breakfast. Worked scanner for Vets' photos, cooked, etc. They did it all!

**Wellingtons'** son-in-law **Brian**, provided cheeses for Reception, and cooked at the pancake Breakfast.

**JACQUIE JOHNSTON** --cooked at the Breakfast

**SUE KRAMER** --worked coffee and orange juice cart --donated water?

**RB HIGH SCHOOL** -- Loaned blue aprons, etc.

## DONORS OF GIFT CERTIFICATES

**CAFE MERLOT**, chef/owner **Tricia McCormick**, donated two \$25 GC --won by **Hugh Griffiths**, and **Joan Ellam**,

**COTTON COTTAGE**, owner **Linda Willits**, donated a black crochet sun hat --won by **Judy Cooke**

**SWEET PEA COFFEE COTTAGE**, owners **Arlene** and **Larry Fuller**, donated two gift coffee mugs --won by **M/M May** and **Matt Karl**

**BAJA IMPORTS**, owner **Norma Reddick**, donated a hand-painted *Talavera* pottery with wrought iron stand --won by **Jay Riesenberg**

**ATHENS MARKET CAFE**, owner **Nick Anastasopoulos**, donated two \$20 GC --won by **J. Hendry**, and **Kim Lyon**

**SALON AT THE VINEYARD**, owner **Elaine Budde**, donated a gift basket which included a GC for pedicure by **Cindy Kaplan** --won by **Eileen Haag**; **Brian DeCarlo** donated a GC for haircut, highlights, and style --won by **Don Jarel**; **Deena Manfrina**, donated a GC for haircut, color, and conditioning treatment --won by **Fran Feltes**,

**FITNESS TOGETHER**, 16389 Bernardo Center Drive, SD 92128, 451-6051, owner **Dona Wilson**, donated two GC, each for 3 personal training sessions --won by **Tricia McCormick** and two others.

**PHOTO DARKROOM**, 1291-C Simpson Way, Escondido 92029, 760-741-0051. **Susan Hill**, donated a \$35 GC toward photo restoration --won by **Dollie**

**CIAO BELLA SALON**, 12160 Alta Carmel Court, SD 92128, 674-4247, donated four gift bags of products with Gift Certificate for haircuts donated by **Andrea**, **Chloe**, **Serena**. Winners were **Gary Powers**, **Betsy Rogers**, **Fran Blumenthal**. Fourth winner not known

**ARBONNE SWISS SKINCARE**, consultant **Suzanne Weeks** donated two gift packages --won by **Suzie Arnegger** and **Marilyn Hamilton**.

**DOLLS BY PATRICIA**, Handmade Doll (owner info unknown) --won by **Dollie Garner**.

**GIFT BASKET EXPRESS**, 487-8014, owner **Melvie Maigaard**, donated "Cafe Au Lait" gift basket --won by **Suzie Arnegger**.

## VISIT OUR WEB SITE



George Cooke

Visit the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society's web site that is ably maintained by **George Cooke** of Coldwell Banker Realty. The web site is being updated with great things planned.

George has a great supply of photos of aerial views of Rancho Bernardo. Some are current and some date back a few years. The task is to see if you can determine when some of the views were taken. Any of the photos are available for sale. All

proceeds support the museum. See George or any docent at the museum.



### BRICK PAVER PROGRAM

We're Moving History Forward. Be A Permanent Part Of Our New RB History Museum. We will deep etch and fill your name or message in a 4" x 8" or an 8" x 8" paver brick for installation in front of the new building at Bernardp Winery. Inscribe your family name or message, or purchase a brick as a gift for loved ones or a neighbor. Your purchase will help fund our new museum and continue to link our past with the future.



#### PRICING

8" X 8" BRICKS - UP TO 6 LINES OF 15 CHARACTERS - \$200

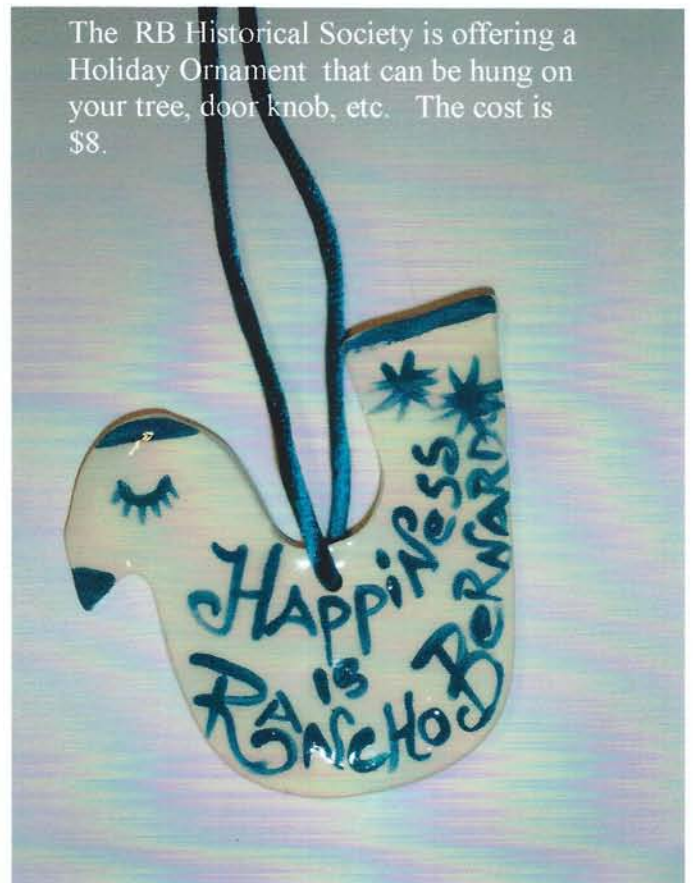
4" X 8" BRICKS - UP TO 3 LINES OF 15 CHARACTERS - \$160

Remember to order a REPLICa brick! For an additional \$75 a duplicate of your museum brick will be sent directly to you when produced. Replicas are fitted with felt dot feet for display in your home.

RB Historical Society—Post Office Box 27314, San Diego, CA 92128-7314—phone (858)487-5088.  
Call Don Sheffler direct at (858)602-6518 for additional information.



Vince Rossi, Peggy Rossi and Joyce Gage in RBHS' booth during the 4S Ranch street fair on Nov 5, 2006



The RB Historical Society is offering a Holiday Ornament that can be hung on your tree, door knob, etc. The cost is \$8.

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Some of the attendees at Reception held on 9 November 2006

Photos by George Cooke

