



Newsletter of the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society

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OK, SO WHEN DO WE START CONSTRUCTION?



By Tom Cook, President

All around me Board Members, society members, reporters and perfect strangers are asking me this question and why not? We just completed, by any measure a most successful Pancake Festival. The involvement of 75 Volunteers and high attendance speak for itself. A monthly income stream of wonderful donors and paver brick and tile sales is constant. In-kind donations for rest room and coffee area (\$6,014), salvaged windows, doors, cabinets (\$4,409), paint (\$2,000), etc. have reduced the building contract bid price to an acceptable level. So, when do we start?

Up until now I have dodged this question, as with most of us we can't spend what we don't have.

With light coming from the end of the tunnel, here is the situation, my prediction and our society's challenge. We are currently short approximately \$53,000 for fees and utilities. However:

IF--- Monthly Capital Revenues stay constant as I expect.

IF--- Our August 16th Twilight Concert generates a gain of \$15,000 and with tight management it should.

IF--- Major Donors can assure a gain of \$30,000 in total in addition to the above.

IF--- City of Poway can schedule a timely public hearing and building permit issuance.

THEN--- I can see a construction start date of August 1st with a completion by the end of the year..

This is as close to reality as I can get. With our 'World Class' Team and your support this date can be met.

Save the Date
Saturday August 16th
Twilight
Concert on the Green



IN-KIND DONATION WISH LIST

Can you help? We are looking for four important items for the museum: Floor Covering, 5 ton 180,000 BTU Attic Furnace, Rain Gutters and 5/8 inch Code X Dry Wall. If you have business contacts for these items, please call Tom Cook at 487-5088.

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IT JUST KEEPS ON GETTING BETTER AT THE RB HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Nancy Canfield



Memorial Day week-end is a somber day made cheerful by the RB Historical Society's annual Pancake Festival. At this time, we honor our military by serving them breakfast, and scanning the photos they bring of themselves in uni-

form, for our permanent Wall of Honor – 75 this year! Undaunted by the threat of rain, hundreds came to hear the Dixie Strutters Dixieland band, eat the pancakes and sausage prepared by RB Kiwanis volunteers, and win fabulous prizes. But for me, the highlight of the day was honoring RB resident and Historical Society member, Abe Baum for his fantastic military accomplishments. In fact, Senator Hollingsworth declared a proclamation in Abe's name, which was presented by USN Rear Admiral Richard K. Fontaine – an honor in itself. Not to be outdone, the City of San Diego issued its own Proclamation via City Councilman for this district, and candidate for City Attorney, Brian Maienschein. We were joined for the morning by Councilman Brian Bilbray, whom we asked to say a few words of welcome to our esteemed guests, including RBHS members. He had such a great time, he stayed on for the morning, greeting community members.

The sun rose, the rain stayed away, and the day was glorious. The success of this day will be repeated on August 16 when the RB Historical Society proudly presents its second annual *Twilight Concert on the Green*. This year, you will be treated to a taste of this RB tradition when the Big Daddy Orchestra gets your toes a tapping. For a sample of their sound, visit <http://www.bigdaddyorchestra.com/> and see for yourself! Fine food and wine, and other surprises will be available on this summer evening, where you can spread your blankets or join the seated audience under the stars. **Please mark your calendar for August 16 and watch for more information, as some surprises for the evening will be yours.**

PANCAKE FESTIVAL

A big Thank You to all our **sponsors, donors** and **volunteers**. A special thanks to the **Kiwanis Club**. Without them there would be no pancakes. So we thank all of you. Without you this event could not have occurred.

Special Thanks to our Major Sponsors for the Pancake Festival:

- Valerie Schmitt, Coldwell Banker Associates
- Carlos Gomez, Private Asset Management, Inc.
- Ralphs 4S Ranch
- Bernardo Winery
- San Diego National Bank.

And to all our donors:

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- Jack and Sharon Wellington

We had great support from the shops at the Winery.

- Bernardo Winery Village Shops:
- Baja Imports Design
- Beauty & the Bath
- J&L Pots of Posies
- Lisa's Cottage
- A Matter of Taste
- Ronnda Michaelis at The Salon at the Vineyard
- Sweet Pea Coffee Cottage
- Victoria Aviv at The Salon at the Vineyard

3RD ANNUAL PANCAKE FESTIVAL MAY 24, 2008



Admiral Richard Fontaine, Jack Mitchell, Jane Radatz and Larry McIntyre, Lorraine Swara and Sue Johnson after Sue's fall, 2nd row; Abe Baum, Susan Locker, Abe Baum and Eileen Baum, Steve Demateco and Abe Baum, Nemira Stauskas and Marge Peterson, 3rd row.; Shirley Napierala and Hilda Teel, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Riddle, Tom Cook and Tim Mazzoni, E Don Rott, 4th row. Jack Templeton and Bill Warrick, Cindy Helser and Lynn Cramer, New member Loretta Setter being signed up by Jutta Gilstrap, Majid Azimi and Berge Juskalian cleaning grill; 5th row. Karen Rott and Jane Harmon with friend, Veronica Rizzo, Kiwanis members making pancakes, Marty Judge, 6th row; Larry and Joyce McIntyre with Raynell Hooten, Marion Hamburg, the last two customers, Karen Rott closes the program by bursting the balloons.

NATASHA KLEIT FUTURE MUSEUM CURATOR

By Susan Floyd



Poway High School student Natasha Kleit has been volunteering at the museum since last fall. She will present her senior project in Power Point format to a

PHS panel later this month. Her goal is to be a museum curator, and she will be attending San Jose State University to pursue a major in art history. She began by "shadowing" the director and learning about the management of a very small museum; she attended the groundbreaking for the permanent museum, and today she installed her history panel which you see above. She was interested in the era of the Bernardo store and chose to research Patrick Graham, one of the early storekeepers. She went through all the steps of researching, budgeting, and designing of the panel, and the end product was excellent. I have been very fortunate to know this student and wish her the best in her future career. The RBHS thanks you, Natasha!

MEMORIALS

We thank the following individuals and organizations for their contributions to RBHS in memory of one of our great supporters, Ross Rizzo. A memorial garden next to the future History Museum is being designed as a dedication to his vision and legacy.

David, Lisa and Laura Price, Donald Jarel, Barbara Rogers, Bernadette Jaynes, Charles A. Hanna M.D. George and Mary Cooke, Richard and Ruth Anne Davis, Terry and Marjorie LaGrone, Tim and Nancy Hodges, Dawn LaValley, Susan Floyd, Rachielle Sheffler, Judith Mazzoni, Leonard and Beverly Ree, Norman Rauch, Virginia Fitzgerald, John and Linda Urbanek, Poway High School Marching Band, Marianne Hoover, Anna Carlson, EUHS 50th Reunion Class of 1958, Eckard and Margrid Liensdorf Myrna Reese, Lorraine Swara, Curtis and Renee Edwards, Marion Attansio, Peter and Lorna Francis Rita Briguglio, Charles Kryski and Family.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

By Vincent Rossi



Featured speaker for the society's April 21, 2008 general meeting was Ken Woodward, director of the Guy B. Woodward Museum in Ramona. Ken's subject was the "RB-Ramona Connection."

That connection was embodied in the career of Melancton Barnett. Son of a pioneer rancher and financier in Ramona, Melancton followed in his father's footsteps, becoming, according to Woodward, "a real financial force in San Diego County."

Nine file boxes containing Barnett's personal papers, donated by his descendants, reside in the Woodward museum's archives.

The papers show that Barnett's activities as a both a businessman and civic leader "directly impinged upon the history of Rancho Bernardo," said Woodward. He owned 900 acres of the former Sikes Tract, and lived for a while in the Sikes adobe. While living in the Bernardo area Barnett served as a trustee of the Bernardo School District.

In 1917, after prolonged negotiations, Barnett struck a deal with Ed Fletcher for his Bernardo holdings which paved the way for the construction of Lake Hodges Dam and Reservoir.

At the end of his talk it was announced that Woodward had generously donated copies of some of Barnett's papers dealing with RB to the historical society. The papers will add to the record of our history, as Ken's talk enlightened us to the role of this pioneer businessman and civic leader.

MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday 9-11

Friday 9-12

Saturday 10-12 or by appointment

DID YOU KNOW?

**We now have a phone at the museum.
858-775-5788. Leave a message or call
during our open hours**

NEWS FROM THE ARCHIVES

By Peggy Rossi



A number of projects are moving along nicely at the RBHS museum. The invaluable periodical collection is being inventoried and is mostly finished. In particular, over the last few months, we have prepared spreadsheets providing the dates and number of copies in our collection of the Bernardo News. We

have gotten them in chronological order and into boxes. We know there are stray copies here and there in other boxes, and we are slowly getting them integrated into the periodical collection. We've also reviewed our collection of Bernardo Brandings. These two periodicals provide a very detailed picture of the development of our Rancho Bernardo community. We are looking for copies to fill out the collection. If you have copies of the Bernardo News from 1975 or the early 1990s, we'd love to add them to our collection.

We also have now inventoried over half of the photographs we recently received from the North County Times, thanks to the efforts of the DAR.

Items received so far this year and added to our collection are:

Album containing programs, clippings, photographs and correspondence chronicling the history of the Cross on Battle Mountain, Jack Templeton; Original safe vault wheel from United California Bank, Richard Trevisin; Real estate documents and memorabilia, Sue Johnson; Photographs and prints showing construction on I-15 and early Rancho Bernardo, RB jigsaw puzzle, Chamber of Commerce Directory (2005-6), and framed copy of the Chain of Title, San Diego North Chamber of Commerce; Early photograph of outdoor gathering at the Seven Oaks Community Center, Jean Ogle; 1978 RB Community Plan with two photographs, Dolores Bruemmer.

Collection of documents photocopied by the Ramona Museum pertaining to Melancton Barnett, Ken Woodward, Ramona Museum; Photograph of Battle Mountain taken in 1903, Barbara Jones; Six photographs of the Sikes Adobe, date unknown, Ron Hall; Six original posters for Symphony on the Green, Dolores Bruemmer; 1978 RB Community Plan with two photographs, Dolores Bruemmer.

LAST CHANCE FOR THE RB MEMORIES BOOK

By Peggy Rossi



At the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society meeting in April 2007, we had a presentation about plans for a compilation of RB memories from our members, friends and neighbors. Unfortunately, the project got a little sidetracked. With all the RBHS projects going on, delay was almost inevitable. Now we are getting back on track and would like to move this project forward again.

We'd like to include your memories. They can be short or long, personal or business, happy or sad, general or specific -- whatever you choose to include.

I'll be happy to take your written contributions for the book in any format. You may send them, typed or handwritten, to Peggy Rossi, PO Box 27343, SD, CA 92198-1343. Or you may email them to me, either in the body of an email or as an attachment to peggyrossi@sbcglobal.net. I can handle most any type of file. **Please include your address, phone number and email address with your article.**

We would like to have all contributions to the book by the end of June. Questions? You can email me at peggyrossi@sbcglobal.net or call me at 858-592-9360. Peggy Rossi

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