

# *The Echo*

## News from the Pleasant Valley Historical Society

### 2017 Dons and Doñas Welcomed

The venue again this year for the Don and Doña Barbeque was the Camarillo Community Center. With the heat wave of the preceding week fresh in everyone's mind, the air conditioning was very welcome as were the colorful and festive decorations. Vintage dresses were brought from the Museum for display in the lobby and dining area to add a touch of history to the already historic atmosphere. This was the 53rd time that Camarillo has gathered to celebrate some of their outstanding citizens. Joy Todd was chair of the event, aided by many wonderful and dedicated people.



*Pictured from left to right: Mrs. Gloria Miele, Gloria Miele, Dante Honorico, Rita Faulders, David Schlangen, Karen Allen, Jerry Scott, Grace Martinez, Martin Daly, Ana Blattel*

For those of you who were unable to attend, we present these thumbnail sketches of them:

**KAREN ALLEN** retired in 2016 after teaching for 41 years, the last 27 of them at Camarillo Heights School. During those years, she was named *Educator of the Month*, received many grants and the *Ed Lyon Excellence in Education Award*. This year, she directed *CineMagic* for the performing arts program. She has been very active with the Boy Scouts, a Cub Scout leader for 5 years, and held various committee chairmanships. She was awarded *Scouter of the Year* in 2010. She also works with monthly service projects such as Hospice, Teddy Bear Project, Meadowlark, Lions Club and more.

**ANA MARIA BLATTEL** has volunteered with the Kiwanis Club, the American Legion and the Lions Club. She also became an interpreter at the Olivas Adobe before becoming a docent at the Camarillo House. For the past 16 years, she has given tours to adults and children, been chair for the costuming committee and served as vice chair for the docents. She has worked as an instructor and translator for the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center, volunteered for the Rain Project, the Cancer Society, the after school program at the Presbyterian Church and with the 2010 U.S. Census.

**MARTIN DALY** has lived in Camarillo since 1944 and attended the city's only grade school, followed by Oxnard High and Ventura College. He had a 45 year banking career. Since retirement, he has taken on the role of interim CEO of the Camarillo Ranch Foundation; is a board member of the Chamber of Commerce; a board member of Children's Alcohol Rehabilitation and Education, and a member of Camarillo Rotary. Other affiliations include the Boys and Girls Club; Board of Elders Pleasant Valley Baptist Church; board member of Los Primeros Structured School Foundation, and others.

**RITA FAULDERS** was Curator of the Doheny Collection of Rare Books and Manuscripts at St. John's Seminary for 9 years where she participated in Gutenberg Bible ink research and worked with auction houses during the sale of their collection. She was a docent for the Ronald Reagan Library and worked with the Registrar, cataloguing Presidential gifts of state. She was a curator and lecturer for the Ventura County Museum of History and Art; she catalogued books and artifacts for the Ventura Mission, and presented classes on the Decorative Arts for Oxnard College and the Stagecoach Inn.

**DANTE HONORICO** joined the Ventura County Sheriff's Department in 1976 where he rose to the rank of Chief Deputy Sheriff, retiring in 2007 after more than 30 years of service. He was the department's first minority officer and was responsible for making significant changes in its hiring policies and in maintaining a diverse workplace. He received many awards from different law enforcement agencies during his career. As a member of Rotary Club of Ventura South, he initiated and completed clean water projects in the Philippines and in Cameroon, West Africa and led Rotary in providing a medical support vehicles for rural communities.

**GRACE MARTINEZ** retired from a long and challenging teaching career and became a volunteer at the Ventura Youth Correctional Facility and served as a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee. As its president, she helped establish a scholarship fund for eligible youth who wanted to further their education. She volunteered for over 20 years as a surrogate parent for incarcerated youth enrolled in a Special Education program and worked in a literacy program for adult youth. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, PEO Sisterhood, VC Retired Teachers Assn. and AAUW.

**GLORIA MIELE, Ph.D** is a person with a huge heart for helping humanity. She was a founding board member for CAPE Charter School in 2007 and has volunteered there ever since. She has been a Girl Scout volunteer since 2005. She is a local business owner and very active in the Chamber of Commerce. She was honored as "Outstanding Ambassador" in 2012 and "Woman of the Year" in 2013. She is a member of AAUW and is the current president. She serves at CSUCI as a mentor for students and alumni and was recently recruited by UCLA to run a state-wide training initiative to combat the opiate epidemic.

**MRS. GLORIA MIELE** has served the community for over 50 years in areas that are important to her life: faith, education and social good. She volunteered at El Descanso School through her daughter Gloria's elementary school years and beyond. She tutored many children, for some of whom English was a second language and one year was named Volunteer of the Year. She petitioned twice for a local hospital and has volunteered at Food Share, Home Share and Job Share. She is committed to religious education, including providing support and guidance to seminarians at St. John's Seminary.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PVHS continues to do well with our core mission - the Museum, the Garden, and celebrating our Dons & Doñas. It was good to see so many people at the annual BBQ. We filled the room! Thanks to our sponsors for helping with the event and the wonderful commemorative booklet. I enjoyed presenting our annual scholarship award to Madison McCardell's parents for her essay "My Roots". It is printed in the BBQ booklet and will be posted to our web page. It is great to see young people interested in history.

We have established two new committees; one working on a long-term lease with the City for the current site, and the other considering ideas for possible expansion of the Museum building. We currently have a 5 year lease and the City seems willing to make it a 25-year lease. This will give us the assurance we need to plan for the expansion. We are discussing the terms and conditions for the new lease and hope to have it within the year.

We take pride in being an all volunteer organization with a core of dedicated people. This makes it possible to sustain the Museum and Garden with a low annual budget. Because we have been frugal with donations over the years, we have accumulated a modest reserve fund to help with future construction. But, we will need continued support from you and the community if we are to make an expansion happen. Stay tuned. Please contact me if you have good ideas or would like to get more involved with the Society.

Max Copenhagen

### **Don and Doña Celebration 2017** *Continued from Page 2*

**DAVID SCHLANGEN** is the youngest man ever awarded the honorary title of Don but his devotion for service in the community is already outstanding. He was on the board of directors of the Camarillo Arts Council from 2007 to 2012 and is still Master of Ceremonies for each event. He serves on the board of directors of the Camarillo Ranch Foundation and is vice-president this year. He has been on the Citizens Advisory Committee for Land Use and a member of the Prison Hospital Action Committee. He is Head Usher for St. Mary Magdalen parish and a volunteer for St. Jude's Childrens' Hospital Celebrity Golf Tournament.

**JERRY SCOTT** believes in giving back to the community. His family was an early advocate for CSUCI and gives generously to scholarships, events and other gifts through the Scott Family Endowed Scholarship. He was on the board of the Camarillo Rotary Club for many years and chair of their foundation in 2009. He is personally involved with Big Brothers & Sisters; Luggage of Love and the Camarillo Boys and Girls Club. He served on the golf tournament committee dedicated to raising funds for Casa Pacifica. He and his wife recently donated the newest K9, named Fritz, to the Ventura County Sheriff's Department.

### **A Bit of Trivia for your Enjoyment**

Have you ever wondered what the squiggly line over the "n" in Doña is? It is called a *tilde* (~) and has several uses. It indicates a change in pronunciation, such as nasalization. In Spanish, ñ is considered different from n and collated between n and o, as it denotes a different sound from that of a plain n. Now you need to wonder no more.



### MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues are a major part of the Society's budget. While receiving the *Echo* each quarter keeps you informed of museum activities and interesting stories, it does not guarantee that you are "a member." Dues are calendar based annually, but are accepted throughout the year. If you have not previously joined, please consider it. Anyone joining now will be a member for the rest of this year and all of 2018. Individuals are only \$25; Supporters are \$40; Patrons are \$100; Corporate memberships are \$150; Benefactors are \$250 and Lifetime memberships are \$500. Mail your check to the Museum, P.O. Box 570, Camarillo, 93011.

### RECENT DONATIONS

We have been very happy to receive the following donations: A beautiful table top 1906 Victor Talking Machine donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jacobs; a unique map made for us by Cartographer Gary Liss, showing the Original Homesteaders of Springville and Camarillo—1874-1896; a 5 drawer set of architect's flat files donated by Steve Wisuri; personal papers of Stan Daily donated by Liz Daily; and vintage dresses from 1896 and the 1920s that belonged to Betty Sullivan's grandmother, mother and aunt.

### MEMORIALS

Donations in memory of **Barbara Fulkerson** were made by Robert and Traci Nolin and Craig and Sara Jane Underwood

Fred Phipps and Cathy Trainor donated in memory of **Margaret Rambo, Tom Ellis, Pat Clark, Betty Whaley, Chiyoko Nishimori, Cal Bream, Jim Bergstrom, Guy Neil Bryan, Charlotte Hoffer, Beatrice Williams, Carol W. Hahn, Christopher Deardorff**

Wayne and Debbie Callaway gave in memory of **Elizabeth Callaway and Mary L. Berg**

John and Janice Nishimori gave in memory of **Mary L. Berg**

James Thomas gave in memory of **Daryle Flynn Finrock**

### HONORARIUMS

Fred Phipps and Cathy Trainor donated in honor of **Doña Ana Blattel, Don Martin Daly, Don Dante Honorico, Doña Grace Martinez**

Mary, J.R., Jim and Dawn Buzzell-Cushway gave in honor of **John Buzzell, Sr.** for his help in restoring the Allis-Chalmers tractor

### THANK YOU

A BIG Thank You to the Newbury Park Kohl's Department Store employees for volunteering to help at the Bee and Butterfly craft center on July 16. It was a pleasure to have their enthusiastic help added to a very successful event. Additionally, the Kohl's CARES Foundation has sent us a \$500 grant in further support of their corporation's commitment to helping their communities.



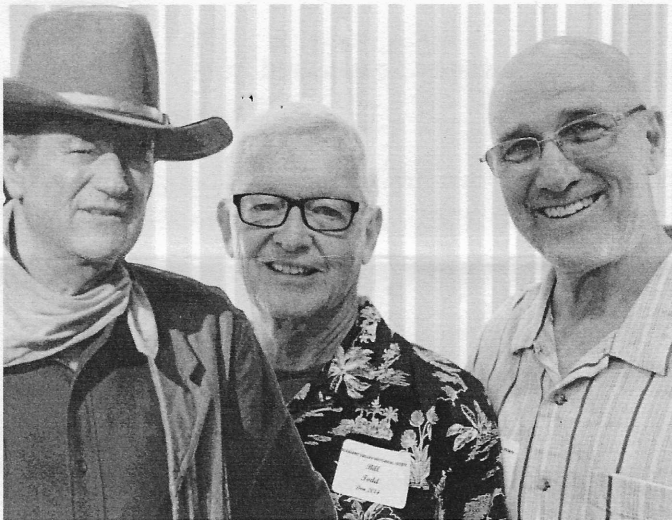
## SEEN AT THE BARBEQUE

Left: Ted Daniels and Roger Putnam are served by David Hibbits at the beverage bar

Below: Betty Sullivan with two of the collection of dresses she donated to the Museum. Both of these outfits were from the '20s and belonged to her mother and her aunt.



Below: Bill Todd and Bob Rust pose with the cutout of John Wayne that was one of the items offered in the silent auction.



## THE CHOW LINE

Hungry diners lined up for tri-tip, Hawaiian chicken, vegetarian baked beans and salad provided by Bruce Jochums Barbeque.

Don't you wish you had been there?

All the photos on this page and the group picture of the Dons and Doñas on Page 1 were taken by Joan Rust.



*Betty Jo McDonald, Garden Chair*

**Review of the year in the Charles L Honn Botanic Garden**

As 2017 draws to a close, I am reflecting on the past year in the Botanic garden. It has been a very productive year. Many in our community have planned events in our garden and as the word spreads and people come to see the beautiful historic mural and the enhanced beauty of the garden, there will be many more requests for using the space.

Pleasant Valley Recreational District listed the garden for a visit on their garden tour. We are now listed on Trip Advisor as one of ten places to visit in Camarillo. We are listed on the Berkeley Urban Bee Labs list of "Bee Hot Spots in Southern California" and Happenings Magazine listed our Bee and Butterfly event on their front page. The Acorn and the Ventura County Star have featured our events and our Mural in their papers.

We also now are a designated Wildlife Habitat Garden by the National Wildlife Federation and as a "Monarch Way Station" by Monarch Watch.

We have received grants from the City of Camarillo, from the Meadowlarks League and from the Urban Bee Lab for improvements in the garden.

Our own programs in the garden have been very successful this year. Our first event was Living History Day, our beloved annual offering. We had a very high attendance from the community and to make the event more successful we had over 30 wonderful volunteers working on this event.

Our next garden program was our annual meeting, which is always held in the gazebo. No matter if the weather gets hot in Camarillo, there is always a cool breeze and shade in the area around the gazebo which always adds charm to the event.

July 16 was the date of our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bee and Butterfly Day. It was a beautiful warm day so that butterflies and bees of all kinds were in abundance. Our event was well attended and we were delighted to have the wonderful Kohl volunteers in their blue shirts entertaining the children with lots of activities—including making butterflies and bees as crafts. Our speakers this year were Lynne and Rick Krause from "This is a Monarchy" and Chris Jadallah from the Urban Bee Lab at U.C. Berkeley.

The gazebo is also always the site for our Speakers Series and for our Dons and Doñas reception. It was set up by Rene Higgins and Valerie Tackett with lots of help from Janett Whitlock.

We wrapped up another successful Summer Speakers Series with appreciative crowds for Rita Faulder's and Jeff Maulhardt's talks on different aspects of county history.

One of the big attractions for both the Museum and the garden is the beautiful Mural of Historic Camarillo painted by Lisa Kelly. The mural, which was funded by grants from the City of Camarillo and the Rotary Club, has been a huge attraction since the day Lisa put up her scaffolding and began to paint. Many people just stopped by to watch her paint and she outlined animals for 8<sup>th</sup> grade art students to paint. The completed mural is simply a traffic stopper!



# Board of Directors 2017-2018

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## Standing Committees for 2017-2018

Finance: Bob Rust; Museum Operations: Bill Todd; Events: Joy Todd; Garden; Betty Jo MacDonald;

Facilities: Bob Burrow; Communication: Betty Sullivan.

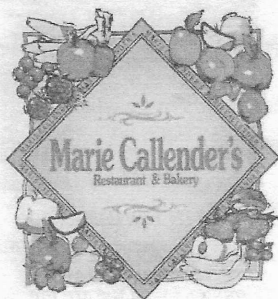
*Thank you for supporting our dine out events. They help us pay for Museum operation, maintain the garden and print and mail this newsletter.*

*Our sturdy new sign, "A Love Affair: Bees and Flowers," encourage us to Bee Thankful, Bee Knowledgeable, Bee Helpful and Bee Gardening.*

## THE PLEASANT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM

Invites you to DINE OUT at

*Marie Callender's*  
Restaurant & Bakery



185 E. Daily Dr. on  
Tuesday, November 7, from 7 am to 10 pm

You must present this coupon in order for the  
Society to receive credit.

