



Saturday, September 14th, 2024
PV RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTER

Welcome

from PV Historical Museum & Gardens President,





Welcome to the 2024 Don and Doña Celebration and Barbeque. We are fortunate people to get to know these honorees. Nominated by the community, they help to make our area very special. They have touched many lives in their years of service, and they continue to serve. Please read about each one and thank them for their contributions to the Pleasant Valley.



HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF DON AND DOÑA

Originally a title reserved for royalty, select nobles, and church hierarchs, it is now often used as a mark of esteem for a person of personal, social or official distinction, such as a community leader of long standing. "Since Don Adolfo was one of the few Califórnio land owners still ranching on his property, which he kept intact during his lifetime, the title of Don was

used for him, both in direct address while speaking directly to him, and in referring to him."—Sherry Reynolds.

In 1965, Pleasant Valley Historical Society began the tradition of honoring community citizens. 538 men and women have been honored in the past 58 years.

We select from people nominated each year by the community based on:

- An individual whose family and/or personal history is significant in the root history of the Pleasant Valley. and/or
- An individual who has lived in the area for at least 20 years, and has provided outstanding service to the community and/or to the PVHS during that time.

The New Building Rises!

This is the 60th year of the City of Camarillo as well as the Pleasant Valley Historical Museum & Garden. We hold the history of the City as well as the surrounding area. There have been several changes since the official beginning of the City. We hold that history and will continue to be the depository in the future.

The long-awaited construction of our new museum has begun. To accommodate the foundation digging, Blois Construction removed the 40' cargo bin that had been beside the building. In the digging of the foundation we found a well preserved bottle of Clorox from the 1950s, now an artifact in the kitchen building of the garden. Huge water pipes and valves left over from when the site was used by the Camino Water District were uncovered. Long lines of electrical wire were found and removed; they were not connected to anything. Concrete pads have been poured and the pillar bases are in. Easily seen from the street is the two-story entry tower. Framing is being built, and a roof is going on.

During construction our volunteers keep working. We do subject presentations to clubs and schools in the area and help with programs at the Camarillo Ranch. Our collections have been completely audited for preservation and accuracy of information. We are still finding things that we did not know we had. An original 1909 map of the Broome Estate (CSUCI) revealed the individual farmer plots and what they grew. The map is 30" x 59" and too large for our museum to store. We have given it to the Broome Library where it is being restored. It will be used for special displays and to share the information with the community. Considering it is over 100 years old, it is in very good condition.

We are very grateful for the donations to our building fund that have helped us toward meeting our goal.

E.J.Harrison & Sons has been very generous, as have Joan and Gerry Olsen, the Fulkerson Family, TOLD, Ventura Investment Co., M.F. Daily Corp. and over three hundred individual donors.

We need your help to finish the construction.



DON ERIC BERGH

Water Steward & Community Volunteer

A life-long resident of Camarillo, Eric is grateful that his parents, Gordon and Karen, established roots in Pleasant Valley in 1965 following numerous work-related relocations. He feels blessed to have had the opportunity with wife, Kathy, to remain in their hometown to raise son, Aaron, and daughter, Kelsea.

Following graduation from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Eric sought to find employment in Ventura County within a short drive from Camarillo. His career focus was on opportunities to serve the local community, ideally through a form of regional resource planning. After briefly working for the City of Camarillo during the 1987-92 extreme drought, he began work with the Calleguas Municipal Water District in Thousand Oaks in 1991. Calleguas is the primary regional water agency for three-quarters of Ventura County's population importing water via the State Water Project and Colorado River systems as well as developing local water reliability programs.

For much of the following three decades, among a variety of duties, including managing environmental planning of capital projects and agency annexations, information technology and geographic information systems, and water use efficiency programs, Eric served as the principal public and media spokesperson for Calleguas. Prior to his retirement as Manager of Resources/Interim General Manager, he provided hundreds of presentations on a host of state, regional, and local water resource matters to groups of 3 to 300 including a variety of boards, councils, grand juries, economic and taxpayer organizations, chambers of commerce, and other civic and service organizations and clubs throughout Ventura County and the surrounding region.

Eric's initial community volunteer efforts centered around family life. He served for many years as a coach for both CYBA youth basketball and AYSO soccer. Around the same time, he also served as a council member for both Mt. Cross Lutheran Church, where he was also a Sunday School teacher, and the YMCA Y-Guides program.

In recent years, Eric has expanded his community service activities to include the American Red Cross (ARC), Make-A-Wish Foundation (MAW), and Pleasant Valley Historical Museum and Garden (PVHMG). He serves as a supervisor for ARC's Disaster Action Team which provides 24/7 response for County residents affected by fires, floods, and other natural disasters. The program provides immediate financial assistance and other support resources to impacted individuals and families. To date, he has led nearly 100 cases impacting a like number of local households. Both Eric and Kathy serve as MAW Wish Granters meeting with "wish kids" and their families to help children determine their wish and working alongside MAW staff and families throughout the wish process from discovery to reveal. Eric also currently serves on the PVHMG Board, assisting with community outreach and fundraising efforts. He looks forward to the completion of the museum expansion project and the opportunity to share our shared history with future generations.



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- Web design
- Apparel design
- Wedding stationary
- Small-batch merch production





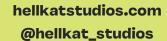
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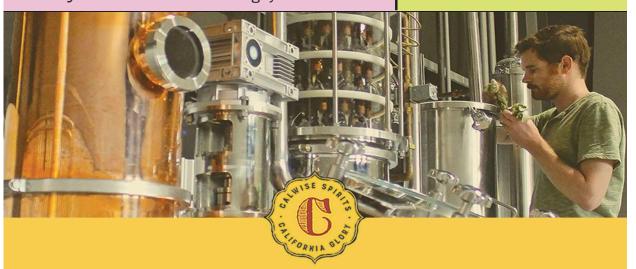






Let's work together soon!

Halley Richardson + Kelsea Bergh, Co-Creators



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Congratulations Al Fox



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Al and Cindy Fox

From Andy and Kelly Nelson and your friends in Leisure Village

DON AL FOX Navy, Real Estate and Water man

Al was elected to the *Board of Camrosa Water District*, where he served as a Director for 24 years, including President of the Board from 2002-2012. He retired from the Board in 2022. In addition, Al was a member of the Association of California Water Agencies, California Association of Sanitation Agencies, Ventura



County Association of Water Agencies and the Ventura County Special District Association.

Working with the President of the Board of Directors in Leisure Village, Al was instrumental in negotiating a non-potable water service for the golf course and greenbelts, saving money and higher priced potable water usage for Leisure Village. He and Cindy have been on many Leisure Village committees and have given their time, funding and commitment to programs and activities in LV for decades. He is a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee in LV.

He started selling real estate when he got his broker's license in 1978, and opened up his first office in 1979. In the 1980's and 1990's he owned one of the largest real estate companies in Ventura County, with 2 offices in Camarillo, 2 in Oxnard, and 1 in Ventura.

Al served as the chairman of the Multiple Listing Service, *Ventura County Arbitration Committee*, chairman of the *Camarillo Real Estate Ethics Committee*, president of the *Camarillo Board of Realtors*, honored with "Realtor of the Year," and numerous other committees. He also is a member of the American Legion.

His service to the US Navy is outstanding, joining in 1955 until his retirement in 1977 as a Lieutenant. His basic training was in San Diego, and aviation schools in Norman, OK and Philadelphia, PA. He was transferred to the *USS Yorktown*, and later volunteered for duty in the squadron that supported the *National Science Foundation* in the Antarctica in 1959. Then on to Whidbey Island, WA where he met his wife, Cindy.

In 1964 another transfer to the *USS Ticonderoga* in San Diego where he served to Vietnam tours on this aircraft carrier. In 1968 served on the *USS Kitty Hawk* as a Fuels Officer. 1970 was transferred to NAS Moffett Field, San Jose. He returned to Antarctica for his last tour of duty.

Al and Cindy moved from Point Mugu to finally establish roots in Camarillo in 1976. Daughter, Nancy, was born in 1961 while at Whidbey Island, currently lives in Nebraska. Their granddaughter, Sarah, is majoring in Music at Concordia College in Seward, NE.



CONSTRUCTION PI

Asbestos Removal in Progress





Jan '22

Feb '22



Ground breaking Ceremony
June 26, 2022



ROJECT BEGINS



Interior of building cleared



Nov '22

Nov '22

Oct '22

Greg Farrin removing flourescent lighting and electrical



Nov '22



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Feb '23

Surprise! random piping from former water infrastructure

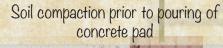


May '23

Rains came - and stayed causing months of delays



May '23





D STEADY

Valves and pipes unearthed from former parking lot area



May '23

Demolition of front of building



Jun '23

Flattened and smoothed out pad area - just awaiting concrete!



Back wall removed to accomodate new addition at back of building

Jun '23



Excavating for plumbing prep



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Removal of cargo bin from west side of building



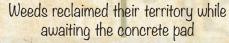
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Jun '23

Removal of parking lot asphalt



May '24







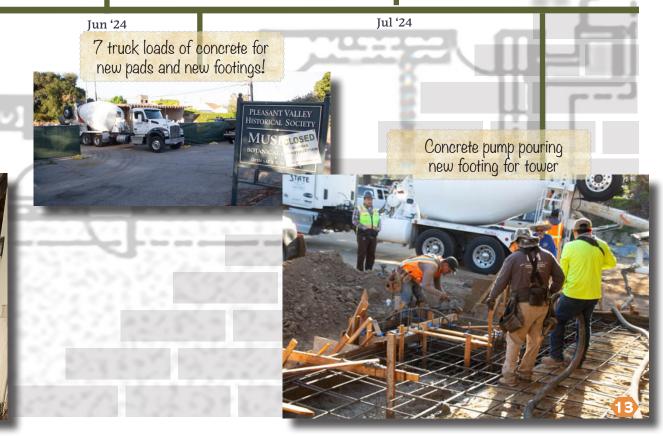
Pillars for the porch in the new construction



Jul '24



Jul '24





DON BRUCE JOCHUMS BBQ for Lion's Pride and PTO

Born and raised in Camarillo, a 2nd generation Camarillan, Bruce first started volunteering in 1977 as a Camarillo High School LEO. LEOs were sponsored by the Somis-Pleasant Valley Lions Club. They repaired bikes at the Camarillo State

Hospital, supported our sponsoring club and raised money through car washes and hot dog sales.

Volunteering continued during their daughters' elementary and high school years through active coaching of youth sports, working the snack bar, fundraising etc. But he is most proud of serving as the PTO President at Los Primeros Structured School, and participating with a 4-DAD team to bring then Librarian, Laurie Vanoni's, vision for an outdoor learning area adjacent to the library to fruition.

One of his favorite ways to volunteer is through cooking. Bruce has put on fundraiser BBQs for Los Primeros ES and Rio Mesa HS. He has donated through P. V. Lions, numerous team-building BBQs for the football program. As a member of the ACHS Wrestling Alumni Association, he supports an annual BBQ reunion night honoring past ACHS wrestlers and their families.

After joining the Somis-Pleasant Valley Lions Club in 2012, he served as the coordinator for donation BBQs which have benefited Camarillo Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts of America, Many Meals, Casa Pacifica and more. Bruce dedicates 6-10 weekends per year at Tierra Rejada Farms fundraising which in turn supports local causes such as Food Share, Sober Graduation, Guide Dogs and Miracle League of the 805. He is currently serving as Lions Club President for 2024-2025, and is on the Board of Directors for PVHM&G.

Bruce married a 3rd generation local girl, Ellen [Thomas], and they have two married daughters, Emily and Julianne. The three ladies are active in Amber's Light Lions Club.

Bruce says, "I'm honored to be selected as a Don for this year. I look forward to many more years of volunteering and supporting the efforts of the Pleasant Valley Historical Society."

Doña Joanne Kennedy Healthful and Caring Volunteer

Joanne was appointed to the Camarillo Council on Aging, of which she is the current president. This has allowed her to leverage her background in medical research to address critical issues affecting seniors. Through the Council, she

provides the Camarillo City Council informed advice on the ongoing needs of the senior population in Camarillo.

She also does volunteer work for the Pleasant Valley Historical Museum, where she has enjoyed diving into the rich tapestry of local history while uncovering and preserving the connections that bind our communities past to its present. Joanne exemplifies a commitment to service and a continued contribution to public health and local heritage.

Joanne's career in healthcare began with being a medical librarian and later the Director of Medical Informatics at St. John's Regional Medical Center. In the 1970's the medical library consisted of books and journals, but then there was a digital revolution in clinical medicine. She insured that St. John's had a library that was part of the computer network from the National Library of Medicine. She was elected the president of the National Hospital Library Association and then was appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson to serve on the California Library Commission Board for a 4-year term. While Director of Medical Informatics, Joanne was a member of the St. John's health information technology team. Her work was rewarded with a St John's Stewardship award and the Dignity Health award for Innovation.

Since retiring, Joanne continues to enjoy digital tools such as 3-D printing, virtual reality and researching ways to use technology to mitigate fall injuries in seniors.

Joanne was born in Cambridge, MA and has lived in Camarillo since 1979. She is married to Larry Kennedy and has two daughters, Julie and Natasha, all of whom are very proud of her. Larry and Joanne say to each other, "This is a good life!"



DON CRAIG MASON

VC LAND DEVELOPER AND MANAGER

Craig comes from a family of Dons: his father, 1974 "Don" Wm. Jesse Mason, and Craig's brother, 2004 "Don" Bill Mason. He was born in Oxnard and lived in Camarillo all his life. He was in the first graduating class at Adolfo Camarillo HS in 1959.

He is a land developer, served on various agriculture, water, and church boards, and is a Viet Nam veteran. His father, Jesse, owned the Abbott & Mason Nursery in Camarillo where Craig learned to love farming and agriculture. He received a BS degree in Agriculture/Fruit Industries from Cal Poly—Pomona in 1963.

From 1964-1967, he served in the US Army where he was chosen to be a translator at the Monterey language school and became fluent in Vietnamese.

Craig was first employed at Berylwood Investment Company headquartered in Somis as a farm management trainee. He remained with the company when it was purchased by Kaiser Aetna Industries until 1980. He was responsible for planting approximately 4,000 acres of citrus and avocados over those years.

In 1980, he and four other individuals purchased the farm management portion of Kaiser Aetna and formed the AG Land Service, Inc. He was president and general manager of this company which owned or managed 2,500 acres of orchards in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. Craig served on various citrus and avocado industry co-op boards along with various water and pest control company boards.

In March of this year, Craig was invited to Montes Vista Independent Study in Simi Valley where he taught a high school class how to bud and graft fruit trees.

Active in his church and proclaiming Christ as his Savior, he has been Elder on board of Newbury Park First Baptist, Deacon of First Baptist in Camarillo, national board treasurer for Missions to the Americas Conservative Baptist Organization. He works with the AWANA youth program.

Craig and Arlene were married in 1967 and first lived in Somis. After three years they purchased a home on Mesa Drive where they have lived ever since. They have 3 children: Sharon Porter from Simi Valley with 4 children; Kurtis Mason from Orcutt, CA with 2 children; and Janelle Marsh from Richland, WA with 4 children.

He relates, "Camarillo and the Pleasant Valley has become a very delightful and "pleasant" place to live and raise a family. Let us keep it that way."

DON JOHN McCOY

Passionate teacher and Hospice volunteer

John moved to Camarillo in 2004. Shortly thereafter he began what has become a very enjoyable and fulfilling phase of his life - volunteer work. He started with AYSO refereeing and leadership roles in the Camarillo YMCA



Adventure Guides. He became very active in the PTA PIE Board at Pleasant Valley Christian School, where he also volunteered as a Public Speaking teacher. He was active in the Camarillo Academic Olympics, and taught speech at the annual AAUW Creative Arts Workshop.

Through these activities, John discovered a passion for teaching and for the past 10 years has been a substitute teacher in elementary schools, first in Somis and presently in VUSD.

John served on the Board of Directors of the *Camarillo Hospice* organization, and for the past 8 years has been one of the volunteer morning managers at the *Camarillo Farmers Market* which benefits *Camarillo Hospice*. Most recently, and for the past seven years, John has been an officer and founding Board Member of the *Miracle League of the 805*, serving on the Building Committee and now chairing the Administrative Committee.

He was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in West Virginia and Maryland. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, and a master's degree from USC. John retired in 2009 after working 35 years with the Department of the Navy, where he was the Director of the NAVFAC Information Technology Center.

Leatha, his wonderful wife of 40 years, is the managing partner of the CPA firm, *Decker, Ferrell & McCoy* in Camarillo. His daughter Calihan, 23, the light of his life, now lives in Boston since graduating from Northeastern University last year.

John, in reflecting why he likes Camarillo says, "I've never lived before in a place that has so many good people."



Doña Linda Reynolds

Busy bee with birds and quilts

A school lunchroom conversation led Linda to a budding group called *No Room at the Inn*. She got in on the ground floor of this organization which held nativity displays both in Camarillo and Thousand Oaks areas for over twenty years. All

of the proceeds were given to homeless organizations in Ventura County.

She has always watched and enjoyed birds, so she joined the local Audubon group and took field trips all over the county. That led her to the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology (Bird Museum) where she volunteered for over ten years, doing library upkeep and helping with open houses, school field trips, and being a tour guide.

Retirement led Linda to quilting groups. One group finishes quilts by hand stitching. They have completed quilts that date back to the late 1800's. Money charged for this service is given to local charities to aid them in helping families and the homeless. She is active in the *Camarillo United Methodist Church*, helping with the church library as well as other projects.

Following in the teacher footsteps of her parents, she began teaching in 1964 (Santa Paula) and retired from the *Pleasant Valley School District* in 2003. These years were broken up between several school districts and years taken off to raise a growing family. Over time, she taught Title One reading, every grade 1-6, and spent the last 12 years as a reading specialist. She says, "It was gratifying work, and I have fond memories of both my students and co-workers."

Linda was born in Salida, Colorado, at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. Her parents, sister and she moved to Ventura in 1949. In 1965 Jim and she started looking for a home for their growing family. They turned onto a side street off the 118 highway in Somis and bought the house where they still live today. She volunteered at Somis School as Carnival Chair, and President of the Mothers' Club, and as a Den Mother for Pack 3230.

Jim and Linda have been married for 64 years and are blessed with many family members residing in either Ventura or Santa Barbara County. Their children are: Mark, Carole, Eric, Leif and Sean. "I am both fortunate and grateful to have lived and worked in this wonderful community."





The Camarillo Farmers Market Congratulates

Ruff Smith and John McCoy

for their signficant contributions to the community and dedication to the market.





Livingston has earned a four star rating from the the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services for home health and hospice services. This rating places us among the top-performing agencies in California.

Doña Ruff Smith

Multi-organization Volunteer

If you have been to the Camarillo Certified Farmers Market, you probably have seen Ruff Smith. She serves as the General Manager, now in her 12th year, but before that, she was a volunteer weekly manager. She loves working with the many wonderful vendors and meeting the friendly shoppers who attend the



Saturday morning market. The profits from the market support the *Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association* and *Camarillo Hospice*. Ruff first got acquainted with Camarillo Hospice through their annual Garden Tour and has served as Refreshment Chairman and Entertainment Chairman.

While her husband was in medical school, she taught 7th grade math and English, and then was a substitute teacher for two years before her two sons were born. When sons, Randy, who lives in Camarillo with wife and 3 children, and Jeff who lives in San Diego with wife and two dachshunds, were growing up, she volunteered at Mesa Union School—working in the computer lab, chairman of the Parent Faculty Organization and annual carnival, and on the Mesa Educational Foundation Board. For 4 years she served on the Mesa Union School Board.

When they started at Rio Mesa High School, Ruff volunteered with the Rio Mesa Band—helping with summer band camp and fundraisers. She was also president of the Rio Mesa PFO one year.

Husband, Clay, and she came to Ventura County in 1973 for the Family Practice Residency at Ventura County Medical Center. After he finished, Clay practiced Emergency Medicine for 30 years, first at St. John's Hospital in Oxnard and then Pleasant Valley Hospital in Camarillo.

Ruff says, "The reason I like Camarillo is because everyone is so friendly and willing to lend a helping hand. I have never had a problem recruiting volunteers to help with events at the school or Garden Tour or Farmers Market. At the Farmers Market the vendors have become friends and are so easy to work with and they are willing to contribute to our Garden Tour Farmers Market Basket every year."



Congratulations! LINDA THAYER-GABOURY

Your hard work and dedication to the youth in our community is greatly appreciated.

Kiwanis Club of Camarillo





Doña Linda Thayer-Gaboury

Public Servant, Health Care, and Youth

Volunteering service to the community has been an important part of Linda's life. Her parents, Don George Thayer and mother, Doña Betty Thayer, influenced her as a child and teenager to help with their Kiwanis



projects. It was a normal part of life for her. George was a founding member of the Camarillo Kiwanis Club.

As an adult, Linda has been involved in two different philanthropic organizations—*Kappa Delta Phi Sorority* and the *Camarillo Kiwanis Club*. Community is important to her. Kiwanis involvement includes projects such as organizing food drives to support local food pantries, providing breakfast for *American Cancer Society Relay for Life*, and *Ventura County Autism Society Aut2Run* events.

She also helped raise funds for playground equipment that helps special needs children at the Community Center Park. Linda supports *KidSTREAM* and helps raise funds for the *George M. Thayer Memorial Scholarship* for local high school students.

Linda is a retired teacher, and she started the toy drive at Las Colinas Middle School to help local families in need. She started a Builders Club, a Kiwanis sponsored service leadership program for middle school age students. Over the years this club has raised thousands of dollars to buy toys for the drive.

She was born in Oxnard but spent most of her life in Camarillo, grateful to be a part of a family that has been here for generations. Her loving and supportive family include her son, Shaun and wife, Kellee, 5 grandchildren—Paige, Taylor, Riley, Kayden, Starr—and three great-grandchildren—Ella, Aribella, and Ivy.



Doña Judith Wilcoxson Library Angel

In the fall of 1995, Judy volunteered to help the librarian computerize the library. She continued to help in the library after all the books were on the computer. When the district stopped funding school site libraries, she stayed on as a volunteer to keep the library open and functioning—which she

felt was important for the students to have access to a library. She still serves on Health Committee for retirees for Pleasant Valley School District.

As a 70-year member of *PEO*, an international Women's Philanthropic organization, she has been member of the Oxnard Chapter since 1985. Previously served as the President and is currently the treasurer of the Chapter. She is also a member of *Delta Kappa Gamma Society for Women Educators* and served as a treasurer of this group for 14 years.

When Judy's boys were younger, she supported them in baseball and basketball as a team mother and a snack bar worker.

Judy grew up in Newton, Iowa and attended Iowa State Teachers College (University of Northern Iowa). In March 1957, she completed her degree in Elementary Education and Library Science and was a librarian in Davenport, Iowa for two years.

She was convinced in 1959 by family who lived in Ventura County to come move to Oxnard and teach. That began her teaching career in the Hueneme School District. She met her late husband, Winfred (Kink) Wilcoxson in 1961. She left teaching in 1963 to raise her family. Pleasant Valley School District hired her to teach 3rd grade at the old Pleasant Valley School on Ventura Blvd in 1968. In 1970, she transferred to Dos Caminos ES, teaching there until retiring in 1995.

Judy has three sons and their families, which she is very proud: Charlie and wife, Lamia and his daughter, Alex, and stepdaughters Lexi and Lalia who live in Newport Beach. Mark and wife, Kathy, and their son, Max, who live in Oakland, and Dick who lives in Los Angeles.



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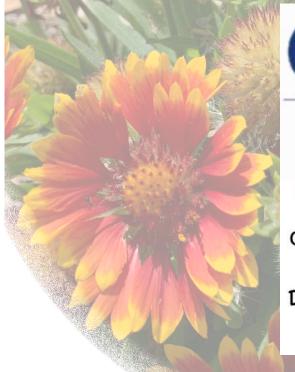
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Doña LINDA REYNOLDS

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CAMARILLO ACADEMIC OLYMPICS

BY SHANE SPETH

SHANE SPETH

Shane Speth graduated from Adolfo Camarillo HS and will be attending Ventura College in the fall pursuing a degree in Agriculture Systems Management.

What organization in Camarillo has over 1,000 4th-8th-grade students competing in a city-wide academic program? Correct, the answer is Camarillo Academic Olympics! In 1984, it was created by Rick C. Smith, to recognize students in grades 4-8, in all Camarillo schools, including public, private, and now homeschooled, for their academic achievements, which he felt were not celebrated in the Camarillo community. So, the Camarillo Academic Olympics was born! Under the umbrella of Camarillo Academic Olympics, there are two city-wide competitions, CAO



and Super Quiz. Both are offered in alternating years. In March 2024, Super Quiz was held and CAO will be offered in 2025.

Camarillo Academic Olympics is a program sponsored by the Camarillo Boys and Girls Club, co-sponsored by the City of Camarillo and PV School District, and supported by many businesses and community members in Camarillo. A group of dedicated community members runs the CAO consisting of teachers, parents, school administrators, and friends.

CAO was last held in the Spring of 2023. The students compete in two divisions, Division I, grades 6-8th, and Division II, grades 4-5th. The students can pick up to three subjects total out of six subject tests, Speech, Art, and Creative Writing. All participants compete first in the school round, and the top 4-6 students from each subject from the school round compete at the city preliminaries. The 6 highest scorers from the city preliminary round then compete in the city finals at the Camarillo City Hall Council Chambers, with family and friends in attendance.

Subject Tests: The subject tests are, Math, Science, US History, Geography, Current Events, World History (Div. I), and CA History (Div. II). Subject tests have three rounds,

school, city preliminaries, and city finals. For the final round, students are asked approximately 30 questions live at the city hall, either multiple-choice

or fill-in-the-blank. They write down their answers and are scored.

Speech: Division I students recite an expository speech with props and Division II recites a storytelling speech without props. Speech has three rounds, like the subject tests, all speeches are memorized and then judged by volunteers.

Art and Creative Writing: The students are given items to draw for art and can choose from a few



prompts for Creative Writing. The students only compete in two rounds: school and the final round at the boys and girls club. The winners from art and creative writing in each division are announced at city finals at City Hall.

After CAO, an award ceremony is held, where the top 6 students in each category and division are recognized with a medal. All students who compete receive a certificate, and ribbons are handed out for preliminaries.

Super Quiz was last held in March 2024. Each November a book to study is announced, in 2023, DK Smithsonian, Animal! was selected. Each school participating can create a team of 6 students for each division. The book is divided into 6 sections, and each student is assigned a section to study and learn as many facts as possible in a couple of months. The competition is held over two nights. All teams compete the first night and are asked questions out of the book, and they answer as a team. The top 6 Division I and II teams are asked back on the second night. Once again, they are asked questions from the book as a group, and each student takes a test on their assigned section individually. The scores are tallied up and the winners are announced that night at an award ceremony, with medals given to the 1st to 6th place finishers. Fun



awards such as best team t-shirt, team name, and sportsmanship are also awarded. In March 2024, 21 teams were competing, coached by teachers, parents, and FRIENDS.

Camarillo Academic Olympics is celebrating its 40th year of existence. In 2023, Camarillo Academic Olympics was recognized by the West Ventura County Business Alliance as the Nonprofit of the Year. At Super Quiz, in March 2024, they received the Certificate of Recognition from the City of Camarillo for providing Camarillo Students a place to showcase their academic achievements in a fun and competitive atmosphere.

I have competed in both the CAO and Super Quiz. I won Current Events twice and helped my team at Las Colinas win the Super Quiz. Nowadays I help write questions for Current Events. Camarillo is tremendously fortunate to have a group of helpful volunteers and generous sponsors that organize this knowledge and curiosity-cultivating event for our youth year after year.









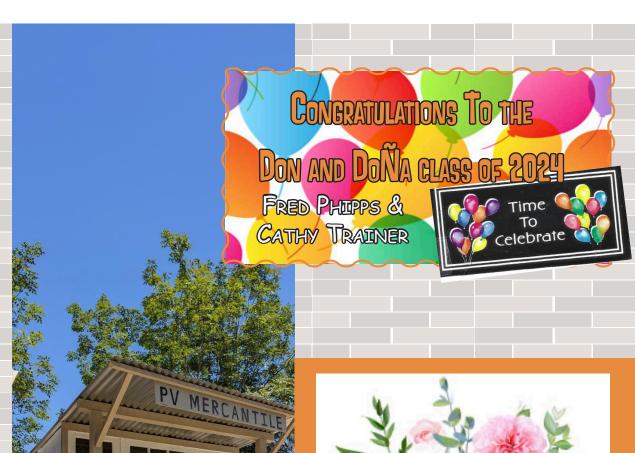
Four generations of the Fullkerson family have run this family business — Jonathan, Jack, Bob, now Kyle. Jack & Barbara, Bob & Olivia have previously been honored as Don & Doña.

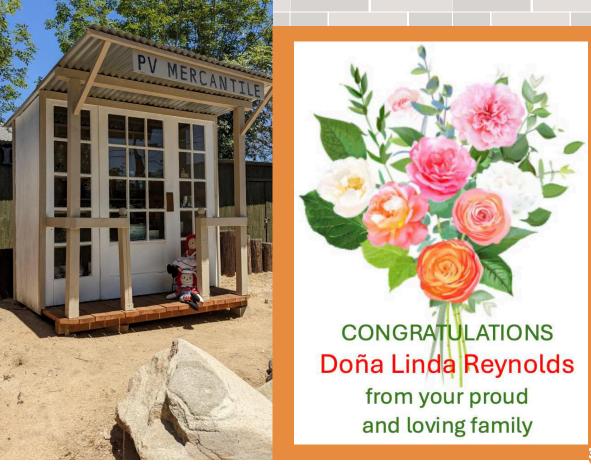
CONGRATULATIONS

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A drive down Las Posas reveals our thermometer progress raising funds to finish the museum. We did plan better, but 6 years working to begin construction saw the doubling of the original cost!

We need your help raising approximately \$400,000 more to complete the new addition and remodeling of the museum building.

End-of-the-year tax write offs are welcome and encouraged as gifts to the Building Project.

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If you have that "feeling" that you need to help with building costs, we accept pledges, credit cards and referrals to others you think might help our fund drive. It will be truly appreciated.

We need your help!





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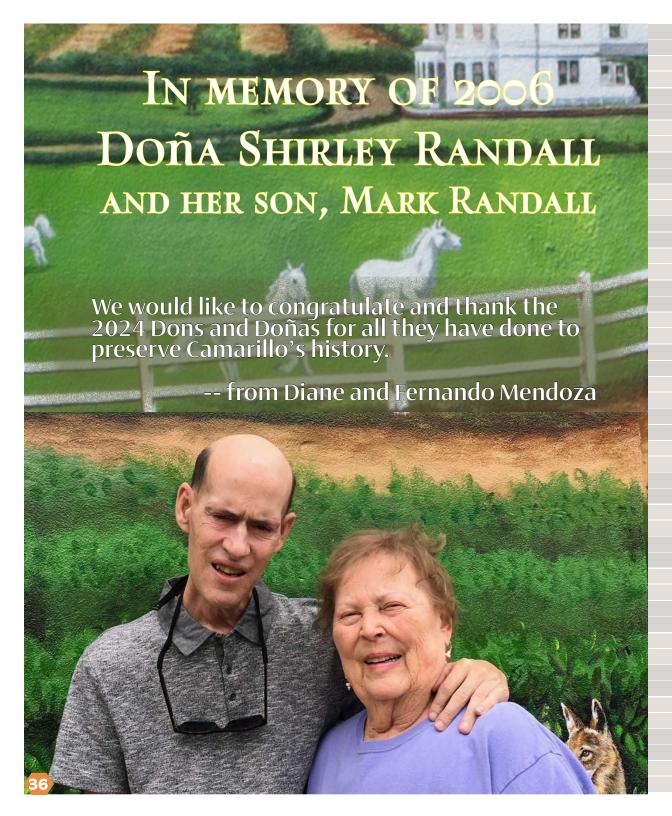


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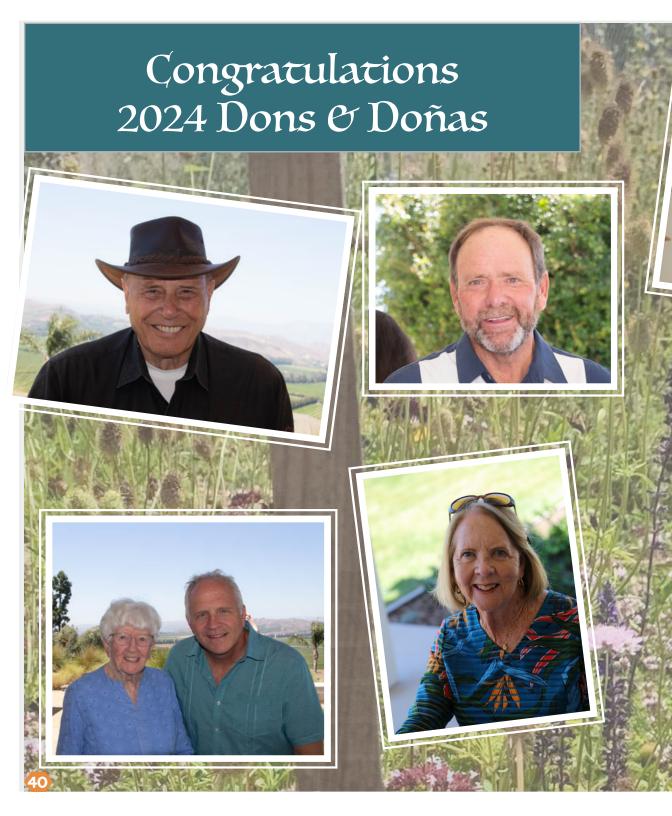
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Doña Joanne Kennedy

Love, Mary Ann





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Dates of Interest:

March, 1986 – PVHS signed contract with the City of Camarillo for our present building—formerly the Camino Water District offices, well, and reservoir.

November, 1988 – PVHS opened to public at 720 Los Posas Road after extensive modifications to its interior by members of the society.

November, 1993 – Amish Garden Gazebo opened to public for intimate events such as small weddings, luncheons, and parties.

April, 2017— Mural painted by muralist, Lisa Kelly, on entire east wall of museum.

March, 2020 - "The Barn" built

August, 2021 – Diane Ellias Painted mural in east garden area

August, 2021 – "Back Porch"built

May,2022 – "Medicine Buggy Barn" built

July, 2022 – "Smithy" built

October, 2022 – "PV Mercantile" built

2024-2025 Expansion Project Complete!



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