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2025 DON & DOÑAS

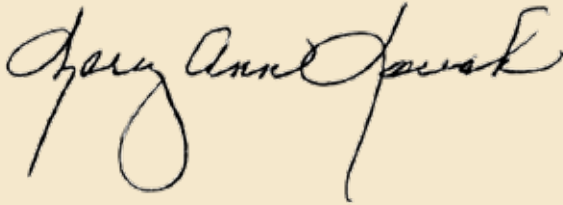


Saturday, August 30th, 2025

PV RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTER

Welcome

from PV Historical Museum & Gardens President,



Beginning 60 years ago, the Pleasant Valley Historical Museum & Garden decided to honor long time local residents who, through their professional and/or volunteer work, made a difference in our community. They chose to call the honorees Dons or Doñas as this was a historical early California honorary title.

Today we add ten new individuals to be a Don or Doña. As you will read in their bios, each one has made significant contributions to our community and are truly deserving of this honor. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Pleasant Valley Historical Museum, Congratulations!

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 Califórnia 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 who has lived in the Camarillo, Somis or Santa Rosa Valley area for at least twenty years, and has provided outstanding community service for a minimum of ten years within these areas, and/or to the Pleasant Valley Historical Museum & Garden during that time.



The New Building Rises!

The efforts to expand the museum and remodel the building include exterior and interior work.



The inside of the building has rough electrical, plumbing, and mechanical already installed. Insulation and drywall are underway. The interior will get soon get flooring and fire sprinklers. Porcelain floor and wall siding tiles have been donated for the bathrooms.



The exterior has roofing, stucco, windows, and siding with paint being applied. The tower is now a welcoming beacon along Las Posas Road with its eagle weathervane. Exterior improvements will include the parking lot, walkways, landscaping and lighting. All of this is required before we can reopen.

There is still the need for additional resources for completion. We need funding, donations of materials and sponsorships. We will also be asking for volunteer efforts, for painting and finish work. Everything helps—buy a brick, renew a membership and spread the word—we are looking at the NEW Treasure of Pleasant Valley. We can't wait to show it off.





DON RICHARD "DICK" BELLMAN

Honored Teacher, Coach and Civic Volunteer

Dick was an honored and successful coach and teacher during his 38-year tenure at Rio Mesa High School. After retirement, he became involved in numerous boards and associations.

At Rio Mesa, he was a teacher of Biology and Physiology, Director of Student Activities and Dean of Students, and served as Science Department Chairman. For 10 years Dick coached football at the frosh, junior varsity and varsity level. He says that the highlight of coaching career was as an assistant coach on the 1971 Rio Mesa Football team which won the CIF Southern Section Championship. This team was recently inducted into the Rio Mesa Athletic Hall of Fame.

During his career in education, he received several honors including the Camarillo Optimist Club Achievement in Education Award and the California Activity Directors Association Outstanding Service Award. He was also honored by both the Oxnard and Camarillo Chambers of Commerce as an Educator of the Month. Additionally, he was Rio Mesa's Teacher of the Year in 1978 and inducted into the Ventura County Educators Hall of Fame in 2017. Upon retirement he was elected as the first President of the Oxnard Union High School Retirees Association.

As a longtime road bicyclist, he has been an active member of the Channel Islands Bicycle Club and served two terms as its' President, was a board member of the American Lung Association of Ventura County as well as a member of the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Commission.

Dick served as an AYSO youth soccer coach as well as a CIBA basketball coach serving a stint on the AYSO Board of Directors. He became a volunteer Naturalist for the Channel Islands National Park and Marine Sanctuary and was also heavily involved as a volunteer with the local Red Cross Chapter serving as a Disaster Responder, Shelter Manager and External Relations Coordinator. Additionally, for 15 years, he has been very active with the Camarillo/Somis Pleasant Valley Lions Club.

Dick and Sharon, married for 57 years, have lived in Camarillo since 1971. Their children are Jennifer who lives in Vista, and Greg who lives in San Diego. Their grandson, Ty, recently graduated from U of Washington.

Dick relates, "My roots are firmly planted in Camarillo as I truly enjoy the friendly, small-town nature of Camarillo. I remain here due to an abundance of friends and associates, including members of the Pleasant Valley Lions Club, with whom I still maintain contact."

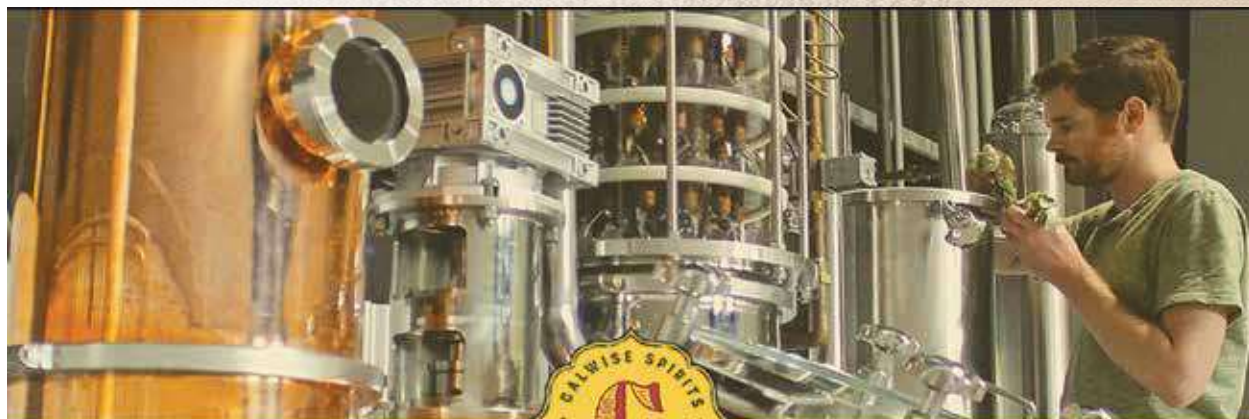


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Doña Kim Dallape



DOÑA KIM DELLAPE

Teacher and Community Concerns Volunteer



Kim has lived in Camarillo for 30 years where she taught both middle and high school at Las Colinas MS and Frontier HS. She taught a wide range of subjects, primarily English and History. While teaching she was asked to be the Leo faculty advisor for the Camarillo/Somis Pleasant Valley Lions at the school. This was her introduction to the Lions and the invaluable service they provide the community.

Joining the Camarillo Amber's Light Lions Club in 2013, Kim has served as the lead for the Diabetes committee, educating the community about the disease and raising money for the City of Hope. She presently serves as the lead for the Youth committee, supporting our community's youth through a number of avenues such as the Friends of the Field Workers and TAY Tunnel. In addition, she is the club advisor for the Rio Mesa Leos, engaging youth in community service.

While teaching, Kim was CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) certified. This allowed her to assist residents during the Thomas Fire, as well as extreme heat waves and wind events. She was also introduced to an organization called BRITE, an organization for the health and welfare of youth. She became and continues to be a board member.

After retiring in 2021 Kim joined the Camarillo YMCA. Impressed by their programs and sense of community she began partnering with the organization for different projects. Most recently she facilitated a fundraiser between the Camarillo Lions clubs and the YMCA on behalf of the VC fire fighters. During COVID Kim began working as a volunteer with Food Share of Ventura County distributing food twice a month in Camarillo, something she continues to do.

Kim's children, Jennifer and Michael, who continue to give her great joy, were raised in Camarillo. Jennifer now lives in San Francisco with her husband Nick and 2 children, while Michael resides in Ventura. She is the proud "Oma" of Thierry (3) and Celine (1).

Kim relates, "It is with sincerest gratitude that I accept this honor. It has been my privilege to support our community."

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill



Doña SHERYL GONZALES

Educator, Youth advocate, Camarillo Ranch Volunteer

Sheryl has always been dedicated to helping young people. From her life experiences in education from both the classroom and administration, that vision was apparent.

She grew up in Alaska, but the warmer climate enticed her to come to Central Washington University where she majored in Art and minored in Professional Studies, preparing her to become a teacher. After one year teaching Kindergarten in Bakersfield, Sheryl moved to Oxnard and taught Kindergarten in the Oxnard Elementary School District.

That still wasn't enough—she entered the Peace Corp in Jamaica for a year! She wanted to see the world and continue to help people. Afterward, she returned to Oxnard and stayed for 36 years as a teacher and administrator, retiring in 2005. She received a "Teacher of the Year" award.

Retirement was anything but! After retirement she volunteered for Interface answering 411 calls and directing people to the services they required. Sheryl also went with the counselors to schools to interview students that were in crisis. She provided a safe home for young girls that needed a time away from their families. All this led to receiving a "Volunteer of the Year Award" with Interface.

Sheryl volunteered for many years at her grandchildren's classrooms at Rancho Rosal ES. On Monday nights she also volunteered for Many Meals of Camarillo cooking meals and on the clean-up crew.

But now her biggest involvement is with the Camarillo Ranch House wearing several hats. She served on the Foundation Board, and currently on the Docent Executive Board. She is Coordinator of the school tours for the last two years, arranging for 37 classroom visits this past year.

Sheryl served as a Camarillo House and School Tour Docent. She currently is coordinating kids' activities for Throw Back Thursdays and Adolfo's Birthday Party.

Before she went into the Peace Corps, Sheryl met the man she was to marry, Luis Gonzalez, an aerospace engineer from Calexico. They were married in 1974 and had two girls, Cristina and Diana. After a very brief illness Luis passed away and she moved to Camarillo six months later. She felt that Camarillo was a pleasant community to raise her daughters who were four and one years old at the time.

Sheryl relates, "I am very honored and humbled to become a Doña. My volunteer service at the Camarillo Ranch House has meant a great deal to me as I have met many delightful and charming people in my service there."



CONGRATULATIONS !

Doña Sheryl Gonzales

Congratulations to our friend,

Doña Sheryl Gonzales



from,
Beth & Mary



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Larry, Darrin,
Rick, Mike,
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DON ROBERT “BUDDY” KELLEY

Youth Sports Advocate



Since 1986, he has devoted himself to the youth of Camarillo, volunteering as a coach for hundreds of local children in both AYSO and Eagles soccer — a commitment he continues to this day. He coaches the girls in *Elite Clubs National League* soccer. Many of the young athletes he has mentored have gone on to compete at the collegiate and even professional levels.

In 2006, Buddy expanded his dedication to public service by being elected to the Pleasant Valley Recreation and Park District (PVRPD) Board of Directors, District 2. Over the past 19 years, he has been re-elected four times — a testament to the community's ongoing trust in his leadership and vision. As a PVRPD director, Buddy has been instrumental in the planning and successful completion of major recreational facilities, including the Pleasant Valley Soccer Fields and the Freedom Park Baseball Complex — community assets that continue to benefit local families and athletes today.

Buddy grew up in Port Hueneme, graduated from UCLA and Pepperdine Law School. He has been a practicing attorney for the past 40 years in Camarillo. In recent years, he has opened his office to mentor and train aspiring young students interested in pursuing careers in law, offering them firsthand insight into the legal profession and guidance toward law school and other legal careers.

Buddy Kelley has been married to Kathleen for 45 years and is a proud father of four and grandfather to eight. In his spare time, he restores vintage muscle cars!

Buddy earned his undergraduate at UCLA, and law degree from Pepperdine University. He continues to practice law, coach youth sports, and mentor the next generation, all while working as he says, "to make Camarillo not just a great place—but the best city to live in in the country."



DON LARRY KENNEDY

ADVOCATE FOR ADULT CAREERS AND VETERAN STUDENTS

Larry Kennedy, whose ancestors settled in Ventura County in the 1880s, grew up listening to his grandmother's stories about life in the late 1800s and early 1900s. These accounts highlighted the experiences of pioneers who contributed to the development of modern-day Camarillo.

His family's sense of community motivated him to volunteer for non-profit organizations. His mother served on the Ojai Historical Museum Board. Larry held board memberships with the Chambers of Commerce, the *Boy Scouts of America*, and the *American Red Cross*. He was also a member of *Rotary International* from 1978 until 2004, where he held various leadership positions.

Larry acknowledges the importance of an educated and skilled labor for Camarillo. He served as an Economics and Business Management professor at Oxnard College for 33 years and at CSUCI for two years. He managed the *Oxnard College Job and Career Center* for 13 years. His 17 years on the board of directors at the Oxnard College Foundation helped support student development. Larry was appointed by the County Board of Supervisors to the Workforce Investment Board, which funded training opportunities for our residents.

Furthermore, he was elected Trustee by Camarillo voters and served from 2012 to 2020 for the *Ventura County Community College District*, overseeing Moorpark, Ventura, and Oxnard Colleges. During his term of office, he created the state-wide Veterans Caucus of elected officials for advocating for veteran students. As a Vietnam War Navy airbase veteran himself he remembers vividly his struggles to adapt to life in the US upon returning home after his final two-year assignment to resume his college education.

Larry and his wife Joanne, a 2024 Doña, moved to Camarillo in 1979. Their daughters, Julie and Natasha, attended local schools from Camarillo Heights through to Camarillo High School. Larry coached YMCA basketball and joined Indian Princess tribe activities like hikes and campouts. The girls often complained about his poor navigation, which led to them being lost and late for meetings!

Larry states, "I am honored to join today's fellow Dons and Doñas and will continue my commitment to assist Pleasant Valley Historical Museum and Garden in preserving historical legacies for future generations."

Congratulations to our Great Friend

Larry Kennedy



Don Recipient of 2025

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Art & Julie Hernandez



Congratulations
"Don" Larry Kennedy!

♥ Mary Ann

Congratulations, 2025

Don & Doñas

Thanks for all
you do for the
community!

From,
Greg & Karin Farrin





DON DARRIN PARRENT

CO-FOUNDER OF VENTURA COUNTY
EDUCATORS' HALL OF FAME

In 2005, Darrin co-founded the *Ventura County Educators' Hall of Fame* along with his mother, Mary Parrent, Les Meredith, and Hueneme High School educators Jim Lane and Larry Miller. Their goal was to recognize the exceptional teachers who had shaped lives across Ventura County. The Hall of Fame held its first induction ceremony in 2007, celebrating ten influential educators in front of over 350 guests. The event grew quickly, with the following year's dinner held at the Ronald Reagan Library. Since then, 74 remarkable educators have been inducted (many posthumously) as the Hall of Fame continues to honor educators who made a difference in Ventura County. Of note, many Pleasant Valley Historical Museum's Don & Doña past recipients have received this recognition.

Darrin extended his commitment to service in 2017 by helping launch *Back the Badge USA*, a nonprofit supporting first responders. In 2019, the organization began donating paramedic-grade medical bags to police departments in rural and remote areas, starting with Somerton, Arizona. These trauma kits are designed to provide first responders with tools to stabilize individuals until professional medical help arrives. To date, more than 150 of these life-saving kits have been donated to departments in four states, including a volunteer fire department.

Darrin graduated from Oxnard High School in 1988, where he earned a spot on the Honor Roll and began laying the foundation for a life rooted in leadership and service. He grew up as the youngest of five children. His father Jerry Parrent and his mother Mary Parrent moved the family to Camarillo in 1972. Darrin's mother was honored as a Dona in 2014 during what was the 50th anniversary of the Pleasant Valley Historical Society.

Whether it's recognizing the stand-out educators or helping equip those on the front lines of public safety, Darrin continues to find meaningful ways to give back.

Congratulations
to all the 2025
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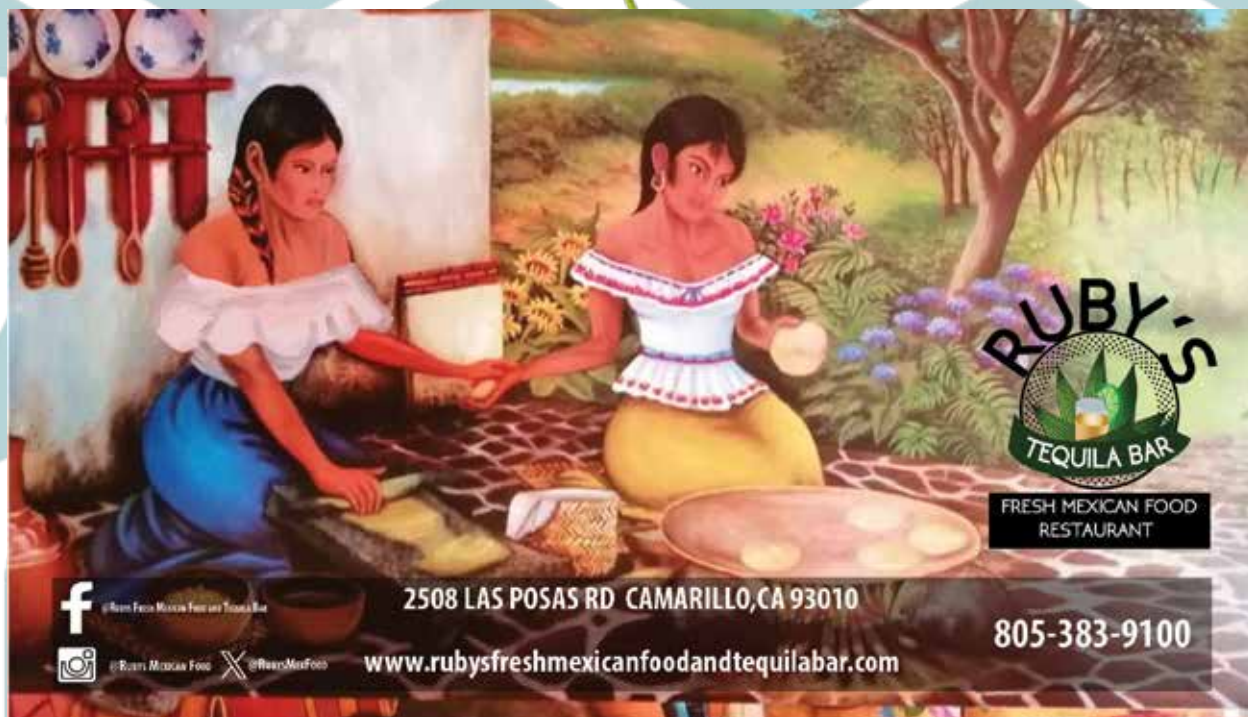
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DON RICK PEÑA

FOUNDER OF MIRACLE LEAGUE OF THE 805



Rick Peña was born and raised in Camarillo and proudly joins his father, 1996 “Don” Buck Peña, and his uncle, 1991 “Don” Bob Peña, as a PVHM “Don”—continuing a proud family legacy of community involvement.

A respected Real Estate Broker for 23 years, Rick is known for his integrity, experience, and deep-rooted local knowledge. He is the founder and President of the *Miracle League of the 805*, a nonprofit that spent seven years raising \$1.3 million to build an ADA-accessible baseball field at PV R&P’s Freedom Park. Now in its second season, the league serves over 90 athletes with special needs, providing a safe, inclusive space for all to enjoy the game of baseball.

Rick attended *Rio Mesa High School*, where he played both football and baseball. As the catcher on the 1985 and 1986 CIF Championship Baseball teams, he had the unforgettable experience of playing at *Angel Stadium* and *Dodger Stadium*. These early experiences helped shape his love of teamwork, leadership, and community.

In recognition of his community leadership and impact, Rick was honored with the “Good Neighbor Award” by the *Ventura County Association of Realtors* in 2023, followed by being named “Camarillo Man of the Year” in 2024. Rick also serves on the board of *Pleasant Valley Historical Museum*, supporting local history and preservation efforts. He is a past member of the *Rotary Club*, where he contributed to various community service initiatives.

In his free time, Rick enjoys playing golf, going to the movies, and spending time with his girlfriend Nicholle & her kids.

Rick credits his mom, Pat, dad, “Buck,” and brother Nick for inspiring his dedication to service. He fondly remembers his dad’s words: “*When you can, shop in Camarillo*,” a lasting reminder to support local businesses and community members.



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DON MIKE RITCHIE

DEDICATED SERVANT



Mike is a dedicated servant to people in need. He heads the *Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child* drop-off operation for more than ten years at Camarillo Christian Church each fall. This involves his management and coordination of multiple churches and organizations in Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties for months prior to bringing shoeboxes to the church in November. These boxes are filled with non-perishable items to be distributed to children around the world. He enlists volunteers to fill the demanding two-week schedule of processing the nearly 20,000 boxes locally to be shipped in nearly 4 full semi-truck trailers to Santa Ana each year for further processing.

At CCC, he oversees securing ushers at both services, a friendly face greeting and seating people, and counting the offerings. He also has volunteered for many years at *Jehovah Jirah Food Pantry* every Friday. This organization distributes free fresh food to those in need.

He was one of the founders of Cub Scout Pack 3831 at Tierra Linda ES. Over the years Mike has participated in several Coastal Cleanup and Trail Days service projects. Mike volunteered as a "groundskeeper" at *Gabriel's House* women's shelter in Oxnard. He was in on the ground floor of establishing *Many Meals* in Camarillo and volunteered for over a decade. This organization prepares and serves free hot meals to those in need every week.

A former track "star" himself, he has coached youth baseball and soccer, mentored and encouraged multiple youth athletes through the years.

As newlyweds, he and his wife Joy established their Camarillo home in 1984. Joy teaches in the PVSD and got her credential from CSU-CI. They have two sons, Travis and Kyle, also graduates of CSU-CI, who live in Camarillo.

He is a friendly, humble worker in all his activities, and is always willing to take on more!



DON ROBERT TAYLOR

“ANCHORS AWAY” CAREER COACH

Robert came to Camarillo in 1967 from Newport, R.I. and other than 2 years in the Army has resided in Camarillo. He was active for over 20 years coaching boy's and girls' soccer and boys' basketball teams, managing baseball and softball teams and serving as a boy scout leader where he particularly enjoyed many summers at boy scout camp.

He was AYSO regional head coach and division director for several years while coaching. In 2006 he joined Camarillo-Somis Pleasant Valley Lions and served as president during 2010-2011. He has been a board member since joining and an active participant in all Lion Global Causes with particular focus on vision screening, environment and hunger and of course working dozens of activities including barbeques, bingo and fair parking to earn money for Lions charities.

Robert spent 60 years working in research and development at the Univ. of R.I., Navy Civil Engineering Lab. (NCEL), Office of Naval Research (ONR) and Army Waterways Experiment Station (WES) and as a consultant to the offshore industry. During that time, he developed many new anchors and anchoring design techniques used by the Navy and offshore industry and has lectured extensively on anchor and mooring design methods in the US and abroad. He holds 10 patents and in 2002 he was inducted as an Offshore Pioneer for High Holding Power Anchor Development into the Technology Hall of Fame, Offshore Energy Center, Houston, Texas. While working for the Navy he also led the Waterside Security Program and developed floating barriers to protect ships and submarines against explosive-laden boats and other attacks. After retiring from NCEL in 2006 he continued work on both fixed and floating barriers, anchoring consulting and started work with wave and tidal energy system installations until retiring in 2023.

Bob graduated from University of Rhode Island with a Bachelors in Civil Engineering, and Masters in Ocean Engineering. He and Joanna, an artist, have been married since 1967. Their three children: Robert Jr., Rachel from Tucson is a “scientific illustrator,” Brandon from Santa Paula is an Oxnard Fire Captain. and seven grandchildren.

Bob muses, “Camarillo has been a great place to raise kids and best of all there is never a need to shovel snow.”

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DOÑA STEPHANIE ZIERHUT

Non-stop Volunteer and Teacher



In the past 30 years Stephanie has made Camarillo her home. Still teaching in LA-USD with the highly gifted in the San Fernando Valley for the first 2 years of her arrival, she commuted. After school, she led an older girl scout troop and sat on the SFV Girl Scout board. In Camarillo she co-led a new Brownie Troop. When Stephanie retired, she had time for her grandchildren. So, she became involved in the Pleasant Valley Coop nursery school at the airport with them. As they grew older, she involved herself in their education at University Prep School as a volunteer and on the school's Board of Education.

While working out at Total Woman Gym she met other educators who invited her to join Delta Kappa Gamma – an honor society for educators. She is still very active in this group as a Chapter President, Area Treasurer, and State Board member. But her interest in education did not stop there. Stephanie joined the Citizens Advisory Committee at the VCCYA as treasurer, tutor, running a literacy reading program for wards' children and fundraiser for wards' scholarships.

After being on the AAUW board as Secretary and VP Program chair, helping with fundraising for scholarship funds and voting poll inspector for many years, CSU-CI was her next involvement. Her interest in education led her to that department with her DKG sisters to make them aware of current topics in education. They joined the President's Circle, and she also joined the CSU-CI President's Dinner Committee.

In free time, she loves theatre and music, which took her to the Ventura Rubicon Theatre where she was asked to join the Board of Advisors, the Board of Directors and contribute as a Grande Dame and supporter of the Children's Education Program.

During the Christmas season, for many years, as a board member of No Room at the Inn, she facilitated the silent auction leadership to raise thousands of dollars for VC homeless shelters.

Over the years, her family has been a host family for Foreign Exchange high schoolers. They show them American family life and our culture. They became a part of their family and Camarillo.

In 2020, Stephanie received the "Camarillo Chamber of Commerce Senior Volunteer Top 10 Award."

She is a wife to Kurt, working at the Gene Haas Foundation, CSU-CI and company jet pilot. This allows her to attend many community and county events sharing her knowledge and experiences. They also have 3 children and 5 grandchildren who have been part of Ventura County as well.

Her hobbies are arts and crafts, gardening, flower arranging, and cake making. She restored a Neutra Mid Century house which they live in now. But lately her attention has been with cleaning up after the Mountain Fire in which the Zierhuts lost their home.



2025 DAILY SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY WINNER

FULKERSON HARDWARE

BY MADISON GEISLER

MADISON
GEISLER

A graduate of
Thousand Oaks
High School, she
will be attending
Winona State
University, Wino-
na, MN majoring
in Nursing.

"Make a left at the hardware store." That is something you will always hear me say when I give directions to my house, and without a doubt every time someone comes to my house for the first time they ask me, "Was the hardware store really established in 1892?" I am always excited to see the look on their face when I say yes.

Fulkerson Hardware is a historical landmark in Somis, it was a family run business that was established in 1892. Jonathan F. Fulkerson and his brother James opened a blacksmith shop in 1892 in Las Posas Valley, and it was the first business enterprise of the area. Though blacksmithing was important for the community, Jonathan knew that the invention of electricity was going to change the course of the smithing business. This caused Jonathan to leave the blacksmith shop and start his own business. In 1912, he built Fulkerson Hardware on the corner of Somis Road and Rice Street. This was the same year that electricity would finally come to Somis. Unfortunately, a little over a year after the opening of the store, it was burnt to the ground because of a lit cigar that was tossed into the trash during a late night game pinochle. Unphased by this, Jonathan bought the next lot over and rebuilt the hardware store. In 1925 he added an addition to the structure of the store on the lot where the original Fulkerson Hardware stood. The hardware store has been serving the people of Somis and Camarillo ever since. There is an endless amount of goods that can be found there. From gardening, plumbing, irrigation, and painting

supplies, Fulkerson hardware has it all.

Jonathan F. Fulkerson ran the business until 1947. It was at this time that his son Jack took over. Jack would run the hardware store until 1977. When it came time for Jack to retire, his son Bob quickly took over. Bob would run the store until his “retirement” in 2020. It was at this time that he turned over the reins to his son Kyle. Kyle is now the fourth generation to operate Fulkerson Hardware, but most days Bob can still be found at the hardware store.

Having grown up in Somis, I have had the pleasure of going to Fulkerson Hardware many times with my dad. It wasn't until I interviewed Bob and Kyle that I found out that the hardware store is not only a historical artifact itself, but it is home to a treasure trove of local and agricultural artifacts. A history buff can expect to find artifacts such as ancient Chumash relics, milk bottles from local dairies, and so much more. As you pay you can even find Kyle using the same cash register that his great grandfather, Jonathan F. Fulkerson, used.

While talking with Bob, he showed me a 1912 plot map of Somis. On this map, you can see Jonathan's handwriting on the lot where he intended to build Fulkerson Hardware. As our conversation continued, Bob also showed me an old sales log from 1914. The sales log was handwritten by Jonathan, and it showed who the buyer was, what they were buying, and how much the price was. I found this artifact to be very interesting because it allowed me to see what buyer trends were during this time along with how much each item cost. In addition to sales logs, Bob also had stacks of unused bank counter checks from the 1920s. These counter checks allowed for me to see the names of banks that existed in Camarillo and neighboring towns before big name banks would come to dominate Ventura County. The hardware store also home to a Ventura County Atlas from 1913. Amongst other things, the atlas lists various Ventura County school districts and their boundaries. It was interesting to see the names of districts listed that are no longer in existence such as the Timber School District and Santa Clara School House.

It is very rare to find any business that operates for 25, 50, or even 75 years. Fulkerson Hardware has been owned and operated by the same family for 113 years. It has always been and hopefully will be for many years to come, a cornerstone for Somis residents as well as the greater agricultural community of Ventura County. Next time you are passing through Somis, don't be afraid to make the left at the hardware store and take a dive back into local history.



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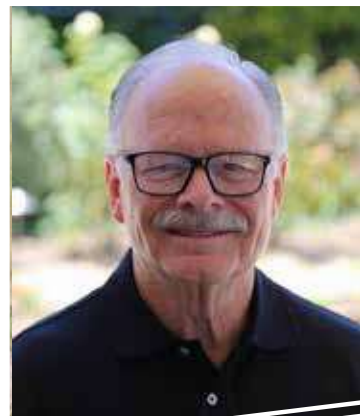
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Dates of Interest:

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

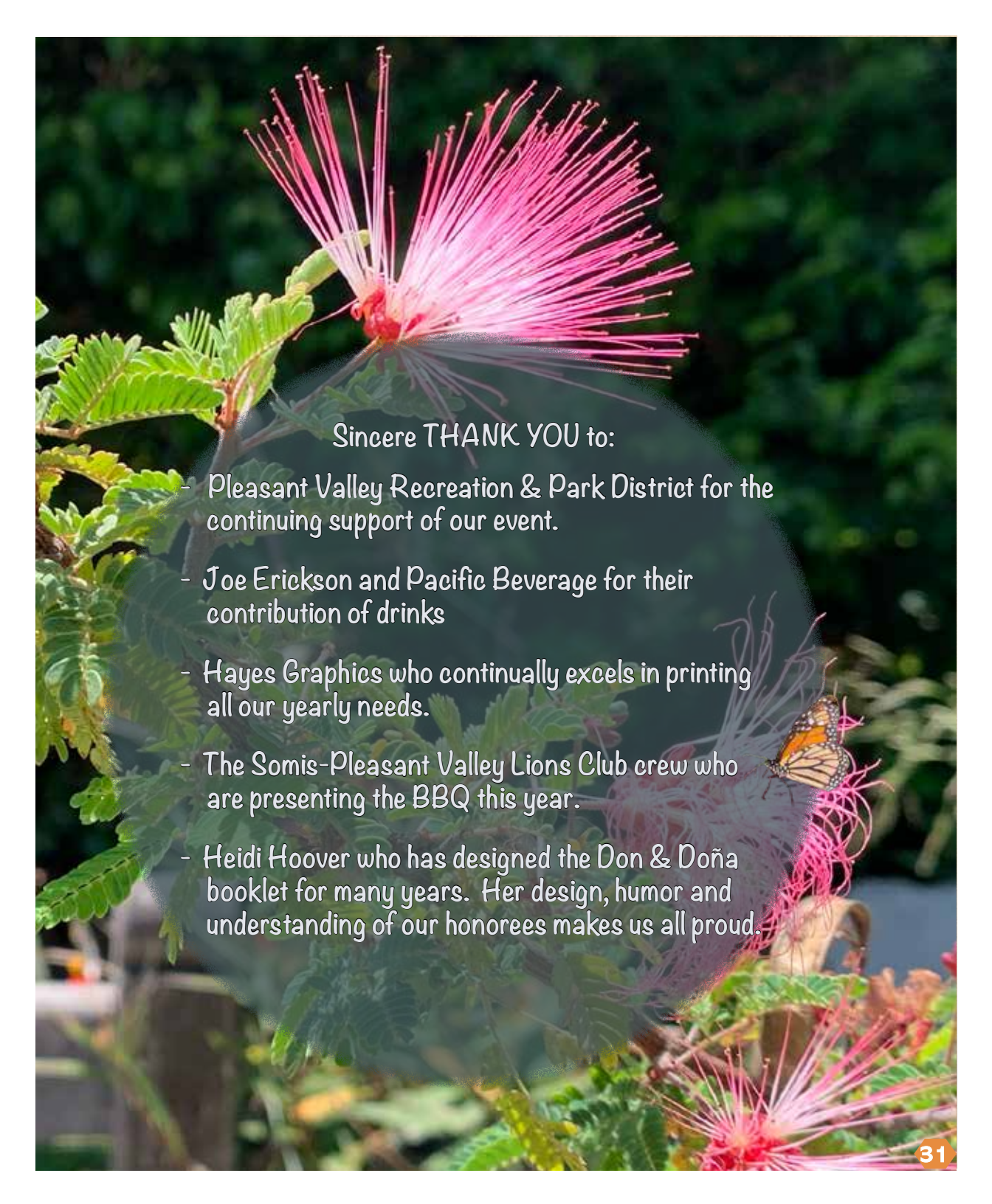
May, 2022 – “Medicine Buggy Barn” built

July, 2022 – “Smithy” built

October, 2022 – “PV Mercantile” built

August, 2025 “Farm Display Shed” built



A close-up photograph of a pink mimosa flower with many long, thin stamens. A monarch butterfly is perched on a lower branch of the flower. The background is a soft-focus green. A semi-transparent dark blue circle is overlaid on the image, containing the text.

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