

# RAMONA ROUNDUP



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### Ramona Dinner Meeting

**BINGO 5:00 PM  
DINNER 6:00PM  
MEETING 7:00PM**

**Thursday  
February 9, 2017  
Grapevine Room  
324 S Mission Dr  
San Gabriel**

#### MENU

**Lasagna  
Sausage and Peppers  
Italian Style Vegetables  
Tossed Green Salad  
Dessert & Beverages**

**Only \$10.00 p/p**

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*



Ramona Stagecoach

## HISTORY MIXER INCLUDES DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR—APRIL 1ST

Ramona Museum and the San Gabriel Historical Society are co-sponsoring the History Mixer this year.

Several local museums and societies attend the mixer which always includes a savory dinner and an interesting and informative program.

This will be the 10th year for the event and this year we are offering a special treat! Come early and you can enjoy a ceremony to dedicate the Church of Our Saviour in San Gabriel as it

celebrates its 150th Anniversary.

Tours of the church begin at 2pm, the dedication will be at 4pm followed by a delicious dinner at 5pm. \$15 per person includes meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, tossed green salad, dessert and beverages. Local historian Nathaniel Reed will present a program on Don Benito Wilson and the history of the church.

The Church of Our Saviour is the oldest

Protestant church in Los Angeles County. Several members of George S. Patton's family are buried in the historic cemetery.

The event is open to all who are interested, so this is a great chance to invite your family and friends to join in the fun!

We have included a flyer in this newsletter and you may download more copies from our website: [www.ramonaparlor.org](http://www.ramonaparlor.org).

We are expecting a big turn out so make your reservation today!

## 140TH GRAND PARLOR TO BE HELD IN HISTORIC MONTEREY—MAY 14TH-18TH

Grand Parlor is an annual gathering of Native Sons' Brothers to discuss the future of our worthy organization and decide how to best preserve the *Spirit of '49* in our Golden State. It is four days of socializing, strategizing and fraternizing and it is a simply blast!

If you have never attended one of these interesting events, you will come to appreciate the time-honored rituals and traditions that define the Native Sons. It is both unifying and empowering to participate in such a well-respected and enduring organization. Parlor

members travel from every corner of California to make their voices heard and enjoy each others company.

Delegates to represent the Parlor will be chosen in the coming months, but all brothers are welcome to attend. Based on our membership, Ramona will be able to send two brothers and an alternate this year. If you are interested, please let Joey Claro know so that your name may be considered.

The parlor has been able to subsidize its delegates in the past; but it is worth going even if you have to foot your own bill. It might be a little more expensive this year

than usual because of the location; so you can plan on spending at least \$1000 without subsidy.

Monterey is a beautiful locale for our annual meeting. Cannery Row, the Aquarium and the 17-mile drive are only a few of the local attractions. Old Monterey, the Presidio and its nearby museums will satisfy the most serious history buffs.

It is important that our parlor be represented as the decisions made at Grand Parlor affect us all. Please try to attend if your can...you *won't regret it!*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### JOEY CLARO



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**Don't believe everything you think.**

-Thomas E. Kida

*Dear Brothers and Friends,*

I am very excited about the upcoming dedications and all of the activities planned for the coming year. I would really like to encourage all members and friends to join in the fun. **There is a calendar included with this newsletter, please keep track of the events. You won't want to miss a thing!**

We have heard rumblings that Grand Parlor plans to raise our per capita tax this year. I just wanted to let you know in advance as we may be forced to raise our dues accordingly. We'll keep you posted.

Kudos to Teresa Diaz who just presented a program to the San Fernando Historical

Society. They, in turn, came to visit our museum last November. It is great to have such wonderful cooperation and communication with other history organizations. We all need new members to survive. Networking with groups that share common goals, events and members can only help our growth. It seems to be working for us...we added four new brothers last month!

To help us determine the amount of food to bring to our events and meetings, we are going to institute a "regulars" program. For those members who always attend our normal monthly meetings, we are going to

create a reusable nametag. *Regulars* need only call to RSVP if they can't come. (Regrets Only) *Once in a while* members can just RSVP when they are planning to go. If they find themselves coming regularly, they can just let us know and we will make them a reusable nametag, otherwise paper should work nicely.

***If you are interested in going to Grand Parlor in May, please let me know.***

Upcoming Events: April casino turnaround and student contests, June anniversary pool party, San Gabriel Fourth of July Parade and annual history outing. *Yours in Friendship, Loyalty and Charity,*

Joey Claro



## BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Building Committee headed by Frank Claro, Romanus Klauss and Roger DiVirgilio is planning to repair or replace the lights in our parking lot and fix our one missing letter on the sign on the front of our building. They are also getting an

estimate to replace the vinyl linoleum with wood strips at the entrance to our museum and reglue all of the baseboards.

We are so very lucky to have such capable members on our committee!

Julie Gentry has agreed to take on the cleaning of the museum and library.

The Museum Board is buying a new hepa-filter vacuum and all of the cleaning supplies she needs to keep the Museum in tip top shape!



## TIME TO PURCHASE LUCKY CALENDARS... A CHANCE TO WIN 365 DAYS A YEAR!

The Native Sons doesn't ask for our support very often, so when they do we really ought to try to participate in their fundraisers. The **Lucky Calendars** are a fun way to raise money for many worthy NSGW projects like the fourth grade essay contest and the Scholarship Foundation among many others.

Fourth graders from all

across the state submit essays about California history and cash awards are given out to both students and teachers at Grand Parlor once a year.

The Scholarship Foundation awards \$1000 and \$2000 scholarships directly to colleges and universities of winning students. It is a great way to help cover tuition expenses, fees, supplies or books.

This is a program you can be proud to support. Merit-based, winners must be related to a member; so think about who you know who you know who might qualify. Information and applications are available on our website: **www.ramonaparlor.org.**

Speaking of Calendars... This newsletter includes a Ramona 2017 Calendar of Events. Please keep it handy as you will not want to miss any of our upcoming events.



## LA CASA DE SAN GABRIEL THRILLED TO ACCEPT TWO TRUCKLOADS OF GROCERIES AND A CHECK

La Casa de San Gabriel is a community based center dedicated to helping struggling families in San Gabriel with early childhood education, child care, basic health care needs and living essentials. Food and clothing are part of those essentials and we are very happy to be able to contribute to their food bank at least two months out of the year.

For the past two years, November and December

dinners were offered FREE to members who brought in two bags of non-perishable groceries. We had a wonderful outpouring of support as we were able to send two truckloads of groceries to help fill up their food bank. We also voted to give them a \$350 donation.

La Casa has been serving the San Gabriel area since 1946. It serves over 200 families annually. Former director Cheryl

Prentice is one of our brothers and she inspired us to get involved. Now we look forward to helping them each year.



## TERESA DIAZ CONTINUES TO LEAD NEW OFFICERS AND MUSEUM BOARD MEMBERS

Ramona Parlor's Recording Secretary Teresa Diaz will continue to lead the Museum Board as their president into 2017-18. She has done a wonderful job and everyone is looking forward to working with her again for the next couple of years. The rest of the officers will remain the same with the exception of Julia

Henricks. Julia is retiring to Arizona next year and she is training Rosemarie Lippman to replace her as Treasurer.

Teresa has been speaking at other historical societies and creating a lot of excitement among local history groups with her unique ability to make *connections* between many of the early pioneer families living in

and around Southern California. The San Fernando Historical Society actually visited our Museum in November after she gave her presentation.

Brother Frances Chavez will be giving a presentation on desperados and lawmen on Feb 4th from 6-8pm in the Ramona Meeting Room.

*Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.*

-Albert Einstein



## RAMONA OFFERS \$1400 IN STUDENT AWARDS FOR GRADE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

This year the Museum will co-sponsor a Mission Competition Contest with the San Gabriel Mission. The Contest floundered for a few years with the loss of Brother Chuck Lyons as its organizer, but now they appear to be back-on-track as Teresa Galeazzi accepts the challenge of organizing the fourth grade event.

Several Board members have agreed to help judge the event. Parents and students will visit the

Museum while they await the results of the contest. We are donating \$400 toward the awards given to the winners. All are welcome to attend. No reservations necessary. It is held in the courtyard adjacent to the Mission Gift Shop on April 29th at 10:00am. The event is free!

All high school students are encouraged to participate in our annual Public Speaking Contest held immediately after our April

13th Dinner. This event is always very special. Cash awards totaling \$1000 are given out to the top five speakers on a California history topic of their choice. Please plan on to join in the fun! We play Bingo at 5pm, enjoy a delicious dinner at 6pm and then the speeches are presented after dessert.

The event will be held in the community center next to the Grapevine Room to accommodate the crowd. See you there!



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*Preserving California's Treasures*

*The Native Sons of the Golden West is an historic organization that was established in the late 1800s to promote the great State of California. With the common bonds of Friendship, Loyalty and Charity, the group became one of the state's most powerful fraternal organizations at the turn of the last century. Many early California history-makers were members of the Native Sons. Today the NSGW is an active group of native Californians who are dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of our great State.*

## RAMONA OFFICERS 2017



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California  
Since 1875***

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