

# RAMONA ROUNDUP

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



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### Ramona Dinner Meeting

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

**Thursday  
February 8, 2018  
Grapevine Room**

#### MENU

**All American Meatloaf  
Scalloped Potatoes  
String Beans  
Tossed Green Salad  
Bread and Butter  
Dessert & Beverages**

**Only \$10.00 p/p**

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## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE KICKS OFF 2018 WITH SEVEN NEW MEMBERS

Ramona members obligated two new members at our January meeting: Michael Johnson and Joshua Clements were happily welcomed into the order. What a great way to begin the New Year.

Joshua is a graphic designer and has already volunteered to become the Third Vice President. Ramona handles its chairs a little differently from most parlors; VP chairs are responsible for specific activities and Third Vice produces the newsletter. Second Vice is responsible for our roster and membership and First Vice oversees our fundraising efforts for the Good of the Order. Both new members are very interested in California history and we were thrilled to have them join our Parlor.

Growth is crucial to the health of any organization. New ideas, energy and active participants allow the NSGW to continue its tradition of keeping the "Spirit of '49" alive in the hearts and minds of California residents and it is a worthy endeavor.

2018 begins a vigorous membership drive, so keep an application handy (we've included one in this newsletter), there are many reasons to join...

**-members support the Ramona Museum of California History**

**-members can offer applications for NSGW merit scholarships to their family**  
**-we hold formal and informal meetings so everyone has a chance to participate**

**-we fundraise and contribute to cleft palate research at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica**

**-we host a multitude of fun events and activities**

**-we dedicate historic sites and features throughout southern California**

**-we organize a high school public speaking contest and support an annual mission competition**

*Not a California native? No problem! Become a Friend of Ramona for only \$10 per year! Remember, you can never have enough friends...*

Sign up new members while the dues are still only \$37 per year. We have already received five more applications for February.

**Friendship, Loyalty & Charity**  
**PARLOR PRIDE!!**

"New members may opt to be obligated electronically", President Joey Claro declared as some of our younger members would like to forgo SoCal traffic to be formally added to our Parlor.

"It is the way of the future and we might as well accept it", he added as we will meet this Saturday to obligate our two newest members from Long Beach.

Dr. Nicole Daddona is a homeopathic doctor who has recently moved to the southland from Oregon along with her husband Jeff Butler who is a postmaster in Palos Verdes. They are very excited about joining, but also extremely busy, especially moving into their new apartment near the beach.

We will use Apple Phone Facetime as the interface for

the obligation and will encourage them to be personally initiated during the next southern California Weekend in October.

Members present for this historic experiment will include Roberta Overton, Teresa Diaz, Jim Diaz and Joey Claro. Junior Past President Rosemarie Lippman will read the ritual and we will have to see how it goes...



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***The secret of getting  
ahead is getting started.***

-Mark Twain



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### JOEY CLARO

*Dear Brothers and Friends,*  
Happy New Year!

I am thrilled to report that we are starting it off with a passel of new members. It was a great way to kick off our 2018 membership drive and I am looking forward to adding some energetic talent to our parlor meetings and activities. This week we are going to try something new. We are going to obligate our first member electronically via Facetime. I sincerely hope it goes well, but if it doesn't, we can always go back to doing it in person.

We are also going to send more information out via email as it is more cost-effective, more colorful and members can quickly link to

connect with specific projects, find out additional information or make reservations. I don't want to leave out our non-electronic brothers and friends so we will send out postcards and newsletters concurrently until we see how well each method is accepted and which kind of delivery is preferred.

Ramona has sold quite a few calendars this year, but the overall sales statewide have been lagging. If you haven't taken the opportunity to buy yours for 2018, times 'awastin'...Every day you have the chance to win cash for only \$25. The calendars are really beautiful

this year. The money raised helps support NSGW scholarships and student contests. There is a flyer included with this newsletter. It is definitely not too late to participate!

Grand Parlor will be held in beautiful south Lake Tahoe this year. If you have never attended, I highly recommend giving it a go. Your pride in our worthy order will soar as you meet hundreds of brothers from every corner of the Golden State to help determine the future of our historic organization. We will select delegates over the next couple of months.

*Yours in Friendship, Loyalty  
and Charity, Joey Claro*

## REMEMBER OUR BELOVED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Our membership is hovering at around 130 members and about 75 friends. Sadly, over the past several years, Ramona Parlor has seen many of our beloved members ascend to the Grand Parlor on High or remain housebound with the challenges of old age. For many of us who remember their vitality and commitment to the order, it is difficult to

accept the fact that they are unable to enjoy the freedom they once had to join their brothers and friends for meetings and activities. We miss them and hope they understand that they are not forgotten.

Please keep these wonderful members in your thoughts and prayers. If

you can, give them a call or send a card just to say hello. We plan to producing membership rosters in the next couple of months. Until then, you can contact Teresa Diaz or Roberta Overton for the address or phone number that will bring a little happiness to an ailing or housebound brother or friend. *Cheers!*



## 7TH ANNUAL CLEFT PALATE GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNED MAY 10TH-SCHOLL CANYON GLENDALE

Mark your calendars and dig out your golf clubs. This year our annual Cleft Palate Golf Tournament will be held at the Scholl Canyon Golf Course in Glendale. It will be our first time at the golf course and it promises to be an event to remember.

Tom George from Thorson Buick/GMC will be offering a hole-in-one in-

centive of a brand new car. Brother Frank Claro has already vowed to donate a set of four Dodger tickets with parking for our putting contest.

Claro's Italian Markets is donating the food and although the event will be held outside, it should be absolutely beautiful.

It is \$50 to golf, but if you just want to come and enjoy

a delicious lunch with your friends, you can attend for just \$10. Except for green fees, every penny will be donated to Cleft Palate.

Tees can be sponsored for \$100 each. Each sponsor is allowed to send one golfer for free. Fees include golf carts and there is a terrific raffle after lunch.

We always have a great time, please plan to join us!

## CALLING ALL STUDENTS! SCHOLARSHIP AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT

The Native Sons of the Golden West is dedicated to helping young people achieve their goals. Each year they award one \$2000 and two \$1000 merit-based grants for junior/senior high school students, graduates enrolled in junior college or any freshman enrolled in a 4-year academic institution.

**The deadline for application is March 15th.**

Any Native Son or relative of a Native Son is welcome to apply.

Applications are online

and will be also be available at our next dinner meeting.

Ramona Parlor #109 continues to organize its annual high school public speaking contest that will take place during our April Dinner. This event is delightfully entertaining and enlightening as we are treated to five talented speakers with no use of microphone or notes expounding on a California history topic of their choosing. We have

enjoyed speeches on everything from the *History of Hotel Coronado* to the *Hollywood Sign*. Speakers split \$1000 in awards. Applications may be downloaded from our website.

Student volunteers are always welcome in the museum. We are currently working to provide short informational videos for each of our display areas for use in a QR project that will allow visitors to take self-guided tours through our Museum.



## GAMBLERS FIND YOUR PECHANGA CARDS—CASINO TURNAROUND PLANNED ON APRIL 11TH

26 years! Can you believe it? We have been raising money with this casino turnaround since 1992. This single fundraiser has provided the Museum for most of the money necessary for student scholarships, exhibits and archival supplies.

Ramona gamblers are so

very lucky! Every year, on the second Wednesday in April, we pack two buses to make the trek to Pechanga for five hours of gambling. We play bingo on the way, give out one free admission per bus and place bets on the arrival time while munching on donuts and fruit. On the trip home we watch a movie and enjoy a sandwich

provided by Claro's Market.

Pechanga Casino was recently remodeled. Lucky Ramona gamblers get \$5 free play to start them on their way. Pechanga offers a delicious buffet and full food court, hundreds of slots in a beautiful setting.

If you have never been on this trip, you absolutely need to come...it is a blast!

***Only the guy who isn't rowing has time to rock the boat.***

-Jean-Paul Satre

## NEW ACQUISITIONS APPROVED FOR ACCESSION—WORK CONTINUES TO ORGANIZE PARLOR RECORDS

Julia Henricks is leading the valent effort to organize the records of Ramona Parlor #109 and several other parlors that were absorbed into our group over the years. The records hold a treasure trove of information for social historians as membership records, minutes, events, treasurer's reports and newsletters are organized for future use. Eventually, a grant will be sought to digitize the infor-

mation to make it available for anyone who is interested in any of our early members who settled in the southland.

Several new donations have been approved by Ramona members for accession. They include early miner's lamps, a railroad lantern and an colorful Mexican dancing skirt and an early Mexican iron once heated with coal. Until they can be cataloged and marked, they will remain on display in the Ramona

meeting room. Thanks to Sue Notheis, Frank Claro and Romanus Kloss for their donations.

The Museum staff is waiting for the weather to warm up before arrangements can be made to ship the Fremont carriage for conservation to Hansen Wheel and Wagon Shop in South Dakota.

Romanus Kloss and Joe Principe are spearheading the effort. Get an update at the Museum meeting 2/3 11:30a. Everyone is welcome!



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California  
Since 1875***

*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.*

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