

Poway Echoes

Poway Historical and Memorial Society

December 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Hello Members - Can you believe this year has just about come to an end?

I am again pleasantly pleased with the Society's accomplishments this year. Too often we are so busy w/the everyday business we loose sight of our progress. This past year we have added new displays cases, a new storage cabinet for our map collection, plus the continued progress on restoring furniture in the Nelson House. Not to mention all the work it takes just to maintain the Museum and Nelson House. "THANK YOU" But looking toward the coming year, The Memorial Fund established for Ernie Briscoe has purchased photos which will be on permanent display in the Museum. Tentatively on Jan 6th, the Museum will host a reception in Ernie's honor for his dedication to our Society. The Society received funds from the County Enhancement Program, which have been used to purchase a software program to organize and document our Artifact and Photo collections. This will be an enormous task but knowing our Volunteers there is no doubt this will be another job well done!

Now, that's not to say WE don't need more help. And don't forget any donations made to the Historical Society are Tax Deductible. Again I don't want to hold up the press, So on behalf of the Board of Directors; I wish each and every one of you, The Happiest of Holidays and Hope To see you in the New Year!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Help fill this space. Give a membership to your friends and family for the holidays.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income \$ 1285.85
Expense \$ 521.93



Board and museum goals were discussed. Some have been completed as discussed in prior newsletters. There are also goals in progress and those awaiting financing.

The Kent piano will be tuned and will be played during Christmas in the Park. The museum will be open and museum volunteers will be offering hot cider to visitors.

MUSEUM and NELSON **HOUSE DISPLAYS**

Both the Museum and the Nelson House will have traditional Christmas displays. The museum will be displaying nativity sets and have the Christmas tree decorated. The Nelson House will have an old fashioned Christmas tree decorated with popcorn and fruit as well as a display of antique toys. And if you haven't seen the incredible dollhouse that has been on display for several months December is your last opportunity.

BOARD DOINGS

In memory of Ernie Briscoe a shadow box with photographs has been completed and mounted on the north wall of the museum.

The board has approved a new museum brochure. It will be sent for printing and will be available for distribution by the New Year.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

December 8, 2007 4:30 – 8:00 PM

Tree decorating 4:30 – 5:15. Bring an ornament to decorate the tree.

Tree lighting at 5:15.

Santa will arrive at 5:30 via the Poway-Midland Railroad.

Theatre in the Park, Dance performances, Christmas caroling, pictures with Santa, holiday ornament making and open house with hot cider at the Museum.

HOLIDAY GIFTS

Shop for the holidays and help the Poway Historical Society at the same time. Our gift shop has dozens of ideas from stocking stuffers to historical books about Poway. Some, such as the sunbonnets, are hand crafted by local residents and hark back to the times of early Poway. Books range from children's books about life in the time of early

Poway to those written by our early settlers. These make great gifts for your family that live far and near to learn about the area in which you live. There are even great gifts for men, belt buckles and decorative pocketknives. Mugs are always a practical gift especially for a housewarming gift for a new Powegian neighbor. There also small jewelry items, earrings and charms. And of course, pencil sharpeners. You will be amazed at the variety of cunning sharpeners available. I bought one for my uncle who collects all things fire engine. We have one customer who has already bought over fifty. The gift shop is open when the museum is, Saturday and Sunday mornings and for Christmas in the Park. Check the website www.powayhistoricalsociety.org for pictures.



HISTORICAL FACTS

The name Poway comes from a Kumeyaay word meaning "the meeting place in the valley" or "where the waters meet". Old

documents such as the deed grant of much of the valley, dated 1839, show the Spanish spelling to be "Paguay". Later spellings such as "Pawaii" are evidence that the pronunciation "Pow-eye" used by some of the older residents is correct. However most residents use "Pow-way" rather than "Pow-eye".

A legal document dated 1839 shows that the original Poway Land Grant was given to Corporal Rosario Aguilar by Governor Juan Alvarado with the approval of the Department Council. Corporal Aguilar forfeited his grant, probably by failing to build a house of plant trees as required by the terms of the grant.

To be continued next issue.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

A New Book "Images of America POWAY" by Jeff Figler has recently been published. Unfortunately, there are many errors within the text. The Historical Society was not consulted prior to the publication. The Historical Society finds these errors very upsetting not only because the printing of the errors but it reflects on The Poway Historical Society's credibility. Please understand Historical Society is addressing this problem.

TEDDY BEAR TEA

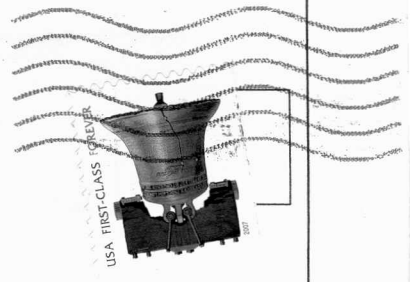
The annual Teddy Bear Tea has been changed to December 16 2-4 PM. Contact Joye Davisson for further information. 858-748-7441

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