



Fair Oaks Historical Society

NEWSLETTER



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Preserving the history and character of the Fair Oaks community

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENTS CORNER (or SIDE):

Membership growth is a term that puts fear and anxiety into the hearts and minds of most of us -- the idea that there is an additional pressure or burden on each of us to go out and find new members is an uncomfortable demand.

Fortunately, this is not a problem for any of us in the Fair Oaks Historical Society! We are in that wonderful position of having our membership grow in an almost magical sense, with new faces at our meetings every quarter. The word is spreading that the Fair Oaks Historical Society has probably the best party in town on the 4th Tuesday of the month, four times a year. Our food is superb, our friendships strong, our concerns for each other genuine, our interest and knowledge of our unique community intense. On July 24th, dont forget your favorite pot-luck dish; moreover, dont forget to invite a couple of friends to meet the rest of us!

This month, in answer to a request for a guest speaker

QUARTERLY MEETING

July 24, 1990

Program Subject:

The Old Fair Oaks/Sacramento RR

A speaker from the Old Sacramento Railroad Museum will describe the steam train which ran between Fair Oaks and downtown Sacramento in the early part of the century.

Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse

7997 California Avenue, Fair Oaks

Lower Level Dining Room

Phone 965-9887

Social Hour 6:00 p.m. - Potluck Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Bring a casserole, salad or dessert and join us for an evening of informative fun

from our Society to address a local Orangevale group, Iva Langness volunteered to be the first representative from our newly-formed F.O.H.S. speakers bureau. There will be many such opportunities for our members and I invite each of you to sign up! Even more important-- because we have been relying for too long on the singular efforts of Gayle Anita -- is the need for volunteers to become docents at our History Center.

We must have at least twelve members for basic training about the Center and its displays. This is a special role that many of you will enjoy. After learning about the displays, you will form teams of two to open the Center one Sunday each month from noon to 5PM. There is keen public interest in the

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BROWNIES VISIT HISTORY CENTER.

On May 14, 1990, Brownie Troop #89, led by Linda Bailey, toured the new Fair Oaks History Center. We expect many such groups will be using this important resource to increase their understanding of the Community's past.



Fair Oaks Historical Society

P.O. Box 2044, Fair Oaks CA 95628

A non-profit educational corporation established to develop, preserve and share Fair Oaks community history.

Meetings, open to the public, are held quarterly; on the last Tuesday in January, April, July and October. Meetings consist of a social period at 6:00 p.m., a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., an educational presentation related to Fair Oaks history, and a short business meeting.

Membership is open to all persons interested in Fair Oaks regional history. Interested persons can obtain information at the regular meetings, by writing to the Society at the above address, or by calling one of the officers listed below.

Officers:

President Wm. R. McPhail, 967-6000
Vice-President Richard Gilmore, 967-7887
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Monson Home Acquisition Feasibility Donald & Jennifer Miller Kenmonth, 961-0637 (482-0340)

The Newsletter is published preceding each quarterly regular meeting, and is distributed by mail. Subscription is included in membership dues, and is available to non-members upon pre-payment of Two Dollars per year.

The Newsletter welcomes articles and items for publication. Articles must relate to the history of the Fair Oaks area, and must be submitted to the Editor no later than the First of January, April, July, or October to be considered for publication in those respective months issues. The editor reserves the right to amend or omit items. Views and opinions in articles do not necessarily reflect those of the Society or its general membership.

MICROFILM DONATED TO LIBRARY

A microfilm copy of the Fair Oaks Post newspaper was presented to the Fair Oaks Library by Historical Society officers in a brief ceremony on June 12.

President Bill McPhail made the presentation of the two rolls of microfilm, encompassing the entire five years of The Posts publication, to library Branch Supervisor Kathy Buxton. Assisting in the donation was past-President Mrs. June Melvin. Also attending was Historical Society Publicity Chairman Bob McCafferty. (History Center Chairwoman Gayle Anita and Historian Bob Massey were unable to attend.)

Ms. Buxton expressed great enthusiasm for having such a resource available and noted, Its not history yet, but it soon will be. Weve had a number of questions already from library patrons who may find the answers they sought in the pages of the Post.

The original copies of the newspaper are available at the Fair Oaks Historical Center. The Society is searching for an affordable reader so researchers of community history

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(Continued)*

opening it to the public once each month is vitally important and we are counting on you to form a merry band of volunteers!

Big things are happening. I am glad that we can all be apart of the excitement and growth and that we can share our good fortune and reminiscences with our friends.

See you on Tuesday, the 24th!

Bill McPhail

THE FAIR OAKS HISTORY CENTER

by Gayle Anita

If you were at the opening of the Fair Oaks History Center, you already know that it was a great success. Well over a hundred people attended the event. Many old friends had the opportunity to visit with each other and catch up on old times. The Woman's Thursday Club provided a tremendous spread of goodies and refreshments.

The Center will be open to the public on the second Sunday of every month. In order to have the Center open on a regular basis, we need your help. If you wish to participate as a docent for our museum, please sign up at the summer meeting on July 14. If you can't make the meeting, give me a call at 961-6912 or 482-0340.

From my own experience I can tell you that the Fair Oaks History Center is a lovely place to spend a Sunday afternoon.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sacramento/County History Museum announced plans for its fifth anniversary celebrations. From Saturday, August 4 through Sunday, August 12, the museum will be open daily from 10:00 to 5:00 and admission is free to everyone!

A special celebration will be held on Saturday, August 4, when Izzie Tooinsky, storyteller and juggler extraordinaire, performs a 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00. Birthday cake will be served to museum visitors at 1:00. Be sure to see the new miners cabin in the Gold Gallery. What a great time to rediscover the Sacramento History Museum, 101 I Street, Old Sacramento.

To make party reservations for the celebration, phone 927-2651 or 481-4525.

MICROFILM *(Continued)*

may also have that source available. Thanks to Ms. Lc Dumont of Sacramento, who purchased and donated a microfilm copy to the central library downtown, this record of the very active years of Fair Oaks Life from 1984 to 1989 are also available at that location.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION IS YOU, AND YOU, AND YOU!

Although a Chairman is appointed and strives to maintain and increase the membership roll, the job of membership is up to each person. It really is every member's business. Why belong? To share the goal of preserving the history and heritage of Fair Oaks and to protect its future identity. To attend quarterly meetings, assemble with other area residents and hear knowledgeable speakers, and to have "a piece of the action" in helping to achieve the Society's goals.

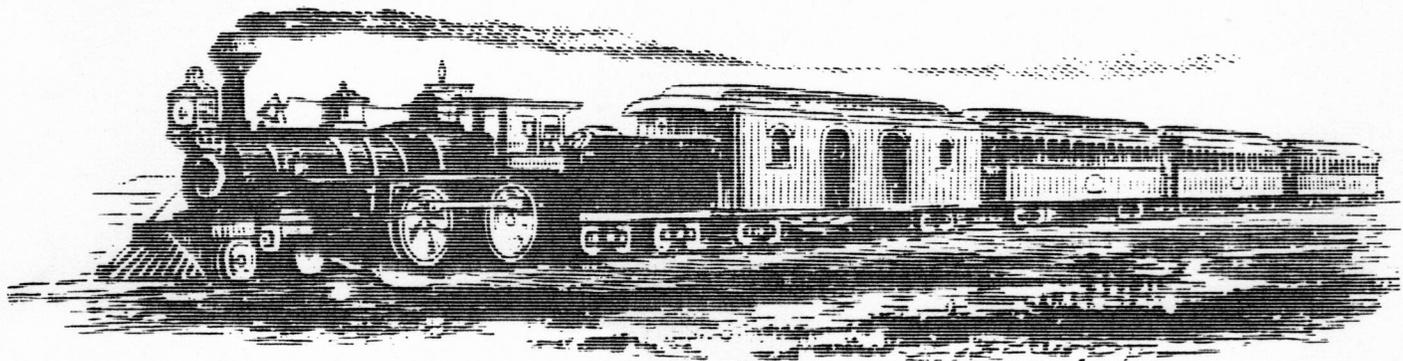
The recent development of our small museum and history center applauds the dedication and commitment of our active members -- However, there is still much to be done.

The Society needs its members. The Society is its members. You Can't have one without the other.

Invite your family, neighbors, friends, and business acquaintances to attend the July 24 meeting and to join our Society -- the people who have an interest and love for this unique, beautiful home community we call Fair Oaks.

Thank you to those who have paid their dues for 1990. For those who haven't, we're sure the oversight will be corrected at the July 24 meeting or by mailing your check to the Treasurer. Please don't let your name be missing from the new Roster of Members.

June Melvin (Mrs. William N.)
Chairman



NEW MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Annual membership fees for 1990 are may be paid at the general meeting or mailed to the address below. We hope each member will want to rejoin our Society and invite others to join. Giving a membership as a gift to a relative or friend is a gracious and appreciative way to say thank you.

We meet four times a year; on the fourth tuesday of January, April, July, and October; for a time of fellowship, of family gathering, for edification of the area in which we live and the sharing of a common

goal -- preservation of our community heritage and the identity of Fair Oaks.

If mailing, use the coupon below; or enclose the same information on a piece of paper if you dont want to cut up your newsletter.

Dues are \$8.00 for an Individual Membership,
 12.00 for a Family Membership
 25.00 for a Supporting Membership
 100.00 for a Life Membership

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