

BELMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 13, 1993

AGENDA: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER (SIGN IN SHEET)

A. Secretary's Report:

B. Treasurer's Report:

OLD BUSINESS: Status of the Survey (1265 6th. Ave.)
#1 Davey Glen

Women of the year submitted to the City (Doris Vannier)

NEW BUSINESS: Holiday Christmas Faire (Coverage) Nov. 20 & 21
Demolition of Log Cabin, Twin Pines Park
Officers for 1994

I. Outstanding Newsletter, many favorable comments

II. How best to increase membership? Survey of clubs show only 10%
of members are active participants.

III Historical Book Review and Sale, "Lorna Ruth, My Life"

To be discussed by members, reviewed by San Mateo Times \$9.95
Tax .82
Total 10.77

IV. One Davey Glen Road Condominiums - Draft Environmental Impact Report

V. Open Space Task Force Appointments-Will tie in with Historical
Survey.

VI. Carolyn to report on Historical Plaques and upgrade on History Rm.

VII Security?

VIII College of Notre Dame Report

Speaker: Mr. Tom Couch, San Mateo Historical Association will speak
on how best to utilize and display artifacts associated with
your particular situation

Mark your Calendar.....

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 13, 1993.

Nominations will be accepted for the officers for 1994. We will have a short business meeting at 9:00 A.M....and a guest speaker at 10:00 A.M.

You are welcome to bring guests, the meeting is open to the public, and there will be refreshments.

We will be honoring the following volunteers who have given more hours in our History Room than anyone else....

Bert Johnson
Denny Lawhern
Tom Seivert

Where were YOU in 1976?

Jim Mc Laughlin has donated two scrapbooks with great memories of our Bi-Centennial Celebration... 1926 - 1976. Your picture might be in them.....

BELMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

President	Tom Seivert	591-4270
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Greg Smith	Ellie Woodard
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Newsletter
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THE OLD BELMONT PUBLIC SCHOOL

The men and women who plant civilization in the wilderness, who organize backwoodsmen into communities, and throw around them the protection of the law should not be forgotten. They render mankind a priceless service, and those who come after them and enjoy the fruits of their labor and their sacrifices should never tire in honoring their memory.

--Wm Wesley Woolen

With sadness we note the loss of two of our devoted members: Lonna Fosberg and Doris Vannier. In their memory we dedicate this newsletter to them. These women were childhood friends here in Belmont, and shared their wonderful stories about growing up in our city of long ago....they played in the beautiful garden and attended parties here in the George Center home. Fortunately for us, Lonna Fosberg's book, "Lonna, My Life" has been published and will be available for purchase in our history room during the Holiday Crafts Faine!

November 20 and 21, 1993

Twin Pines Park



Lonna Fosberg was born at Ralston Mansion where her grandfather presided as doctor for the hospital there on the premises. She was born in the year of the great quake - 1906!

Just before her death, her autobiography "Lonna, My Life" was published and in it you can read about life at the mansion and of her world travels.



Doris Vannier was born in San Francisco and moved to Belmont as a little girl. She was the granddaughter of Carl Janke who originated our Twin Pines Park as a beer garden!

Among her many accomplishments, Doris taught for forty plus years in Burlingame, was a founding member of the Belmont Women's Club, and was active during WW II as a volunteer for surveillance.



To the families of both of these women, we offer our most sincere condolences.....

Have you ever seen a grinding Stone????

There is one in the meadow at Twin Pines Park! We were fortunate to acquire the stone from the original Grist Mill on the Ralston Estate (1880's) The stone was located adjacent to the Notre Dame tennis courts in the creek bed. We thank Karl Middlestadt and his city crew for giving it a permanent home in Twin Pines Park near the entrance to our History Room.

Victorian Days in the Park

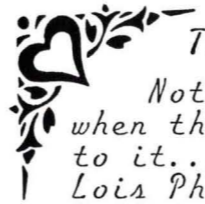
Once again we had a display on History Lane under a tent this time! It was well attended... we are grateful to Denny Lawhern for setting it up and to all the volunteers who helped to show our past.

At the Senior Center

Tom Seivent and Bert Johnson were guest speakers (continued next page)

Senior Center (cont)

to a most appreciative audience. Bert will be 90 years next January and grew up in Belmont so his stories are the best!



Three Ladies!

Nothing is impossible when they put their mind to it....Carolyn Fisher, Lois Phillips and Laurel Dubb have been working tirelessly to sort, catalogue, and file the wondrous amount of information we have been given.

VOTER Registration

Freda Hofland of the San Mateo County Reserve Library has given into our safekeeping the "Turn of the Century" voter registration books which list Belmont's earliest citizens. (Well, half of Belmont's earliest citizens - MEN only!) She also gave us an 1863 San Mateo Gazette in which you can find the Belmont Hotel described as "The Spot" in the county for pleasurable pursuits! We have several copies of the Redwood City Democrat from the early 1900's.... all available for your perusal.

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Our first meeting in 1994 will occur on January 14. See you there to elect our new officers!

Is Gardening your Hobby?

Quinette Carlson has graciously given us the scrapbooks created by the Belmont Garden Club from the very beginnings of this fine organization. They are full of articles and pictures...save a rainy afternoon to enjoy them.....

Congratulations!!!

Hally and Owen Rogers were totally surprised at a party given in their honor for their 50th Wedding Anniversary! Friends, family, and out of towners gathered at the Congregational Church for the celebration....we wish them both continued joy in the next fifty years.....

More Anniversaries.....

Carlmont High School - 40 years
Fox School - 25 years
Immaculate Heart of Mary School - 40 years
College of Notre Dame - 70 years.
Quite a year...thank you all!

Free education dates back to July 29, 1867 in our area when Belmont School District #3 was formed....a proposed tax of 15¢ for every \$100.00 of taxable property was offered...oh, how times have changed!

