



Ramona Pioneer Historical Society

December 2017 Newsletter

Officers: President - Judy Nachazel; Vice President - Mischa Dobrotnin; Secretary - Jeff Funk; Treasurer - Charlotte Hunsberger

Directors: Bert Byrne, Arline Bartick, Alice Funk, Mary Halliday

Standing Committee Chairs: Audit - Vacant; Historian - Arline Bartick; Membership - Alice Funk; Publicity - Bert Byrne; Hospitality - Jackie Foglio

Curator: Vacant

Operations Manager: Bob Hailey

Office Hours: Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Tuesday – Closed; Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Thursday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Friday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Museum Tours: Thursday & Friday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For additional information, or to arrange special tours, call the Museum at 760-789-7644.

DECEMBER POTLUCK DINNER:

The December 12th potluck dinner meeting will start at 6:30 p.m., and will be held in the Barnett Barn on the grounds of the Guy. B. Woodward Museum, 645 Main St. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to serve eight. *Please bring a donation of unexpired non-perishable food for our annual donation to Ramona Food & Clothes Closet's "Share Your Christmas" program.*

At the Christmas Potluck we will sing familiar carols, share our memories of the holidays & "Remember Ramona's own Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus - Hardin & Betty Hanson." At their own expense the Hanson's transformed their home into a winter wonderland for all to visit for over 20 years



WHEN RAMONA WAS TURKEY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

"SAN DIEGO (NEWS 8) — Ramona may be known for its horses and country living, but this Thanksgiving the town is reclaiming an old title. In Wednesday's Zevely Zone, Jeff visits the turkey capital of the world."



On the day before Thanksgiving, we were visited by Jeff Zevely of San Diego channel 8 news. Jeff was investigating our claim as having once been the "Turkey Capital of the World." To view Jeff's visit (and some of our local turkeys) go to www.cbs8.com/.../when-ramona-was-turkey-capital-of-the-world

OTHER HAPPENINGS:



Set aside the evening of December 2nd. The **25th Annual Lighting of the Ramona Christmas Tree** will be at 6:00 p.m. on this date. The tree will again be displayed on our heavy-duty freight wagon at the Guy B. Woodward Museum. .

A big welcome to Alice Funk and Mary Halliday who have recently volunteered to serve on our board of directors. Alice is our former longtime Operations Manager, and also has a strong background in banking and finance. Mary is famous for making life sized dolls, two of which are on display in our museum. Mary also has many years of experience serving on various other Ramona non-profit boards.

At our recent board meeting we awarded **“Honorary Life Memberships”** to **Regina Elling, Jackie Foglio, and Scott Rudge.** Honorary Life Memberships are awarded based on outstanding contributions of long duration to this society and/or to the community. Regina, as we all know, designed and installed our beautiful rock gardens. Jackie, in 2017 alone, has served as a docent over 70 times, and continues to do docent and other volunteer work for us. Scott, a local contractor, voluntarily installed our new shade awnings on the back of the Verlaque House, and is currently turning one of our old storage rooms into a beautiful library to display the research files and books donated to us by local historian, Chuck LeMenager



On Friday, November 24, **the museum was visited by members of the Logan family** as part of a family reunion. Twelve members of the family were present and some had not seen each other in 50 years. They were able to get a photo of the cousins, who are still living, in the parlor of the our Verlaque house. This visit was organized by Michael Logan who is the son of Elmer Logan, a pole vaulter at Ramona High in the 1930's. Elmer also gained notoriety when he and a friend (both 13 years of age) built a jalopy out of old parts and was recognized by Edsel Ford, then president of Ford Motor Company. (*Our schoolhouse has a framed grouping of some of the ribbons that Elmer had won for his pole vaulting and high jumping.*) The Logan family history also includes Walter Logan, Michael's grandfather, who owned the Westways Garage on Main Street which is now the location of the Smog Check building. His grandparents also lived in the house that is now a tattoo parlor. Walter's mother was Carrie (Patterson) Logan whose biography is on file here at the museum. Logan family member, Priscilla, once worked for Gemstones in Ramona sorting and packaging the stones mined in Ramona. Priscilla is shown with a package of the stones which are sold at our museum.



Local Boy Scout, Austin Robison will be rebuilding the pavilion adjacent to the headstones in the front yard of the Verlaque House. Austin is doing this project as one of the requirements to become an Eagle Scout. He did a great job of presenting his plans to our board of directors at our October meeting, and the board was very excited to grant approval. A future newsletter will include pictures of the completed project

Jeff Funk
Newsletter Editor & RPHS Secretary