



Ramona Pioneer Historical Society

October 2017 Newsletter

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

Directors: Bert Byrne, Arline Bartick

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

Museum Director: Vacant

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.

OCTOBER POTLUCK DINNER:



The October 17th 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. The public is invited to attend. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to serve eight.

Our speaker **Mischa Dobrotin**, Vice President of the Ramona Pioneer Historical Society, will talk about early Ramona subjects, the town of Foster, pioneer railroads and stages. Joe Foster, a rancher in the Mussey Grade area, became a San Diego County Board of Supervisors' member in 1906. The San Diego Eastern and Cuyamaca Railroad terminated at Foster's ranch station. From there the final 34 miles to Julian were traveled by Foster's Concord-styled wagons, carrying passengers, mail and freight. Historic stops were made at Ballena, Witch Creek, Santa Ysabel and Wynola. The stagecoach run was discontinued in 1912 when the automobile took over. Foster supervised construction of the Mussey Grade Road. He is credited with helping to implement Highway 78. In 1943, the San Vicente Dam construction led to the building of the current state Route 67.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Welcome back to another year with the Ramona Pioneer Historical Society and Guy B. Woodward Museum. I know we all look forward to another successful year.

I am so grateful and would like to thank our officers, directors and committee chairs (names above) who stepped up to serve another 1-year commitment to help us in taking care of our museum. Many also double as docents. Much appreciated all!



Welcome our new Operations Manager Bob Hailey -Though Bob might be new to us, he has served on the school board and Town Hall boards for a number of years, and is also active with the Kiwanis too. Bob has always been passionate about History and is delighted to use his passion to help us run the Museum.

Kudos: Thank you once again to **Regina Elling** who has graciously spent many hours planning and executing our beautiful rock gardens. She has also relocated several large museum pieces to better show them off. Thank you to **Jacque Foglio** who is doing a great job as our Hospitality Hostess and also helps out as a docent. Another big thank you to **Chuck LeMenager** for his donation of books and other research materials which he used in the writing of his books about Ramona and surrounding area. **Scott Rudge**, a general contractor, deserves an extra special “Atta Boy” for his work in completely dry-walling, texturing, installing new flooring, and being in the process of building shelving for our new library room. All materials were donated by Scott, and by the **Kiwanis Club of Ramona**. Much of the labor involved in the project was provided by Scott’s son **Mark Rudge** (blue shirt) and Mark’s friend **Zuck Curr** (black shirt).



FROM THE OPERATIONS MANAGER:

Volunteers Needed: Interested in volunteering? **We will find you a position** compatible with your interests and qualifications. Call and talk to me at the museum (760-789-7644). Current needs include:



Museum Docents – It’s a minimum 3-hour monthly commitment and the hours are from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday-Sunday. Without docents we cannot open the museum for tours.

Maintenance: Carpentry, electrical, painting, cleaning, yard work, etc.

SEE YOU AT THE POTLUCK

Jeff Funk
Secretary & Newsletter Editor.

