



Ramona Pioneer Historical Society

February 2018 Newsletter

Officers: President - Judy Nachazel; Vice President - Mischa Dobrotin; 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.

FEBRUARY POTLUCK DINNER: The February 20th 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.

Publicity chairperson Bert Byrne, announced that Vice President Dobrotin has arranged for



Ramona resident Tom Taylor to be our guest speaker. Tom's history, beginning as a farm boy in Virginia and ending here in Ramona in 1992 is a varied and interesting one. He will be talking about some of the people and events he encountered along the way. As a career naval man, he played an important role in the development of Admiral Hyman Rickover's nuclear navy. After a personal interview with Admiral Rickover, Tom was assigned to the nuclear submarine Triton commanded by Captain Edward L. Beach, a decorated World War Two submariner. The Triton became the first nuclear submarine to circumnavigate the globe while submerged. The epic journey was completed in 60 days, logging 26,723 nautical miles and providing Tom with a world wide variety of experiences! Tom, an avid photographer, is active in a variety of Ramona organizations including the Kiwanis Club, The Ramona Food and Clothes Closet, and the Ramona Pioneer Historical Society.

ANONYMOUS DONATION: The Manager of the Ramona Food and Clothes Closet, Inc., Vesna Curry, presents Judy Nachazel, President of the Ramona Pioneer Historical Society, a \$500 check from an anonymous benefactor. That same benefactor donated an additional \$500 to the Ramona Food and Clothes Closet. When asked the reason for these generous donations the answer was, "I felt that these are two non-profit organizations that do a lot for our community and that they could use additional support." (Thank you to Maureen Robertson, Ramona Sentinel for the photo.)



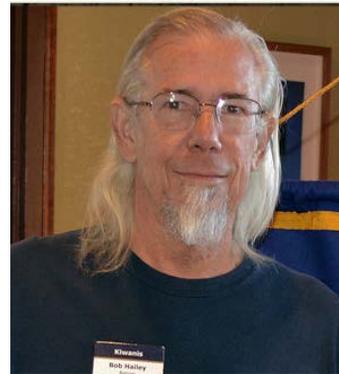
LOCAL SERVICE CLUBS REACT TO OUR NEEDS: At their meeting on January 16, our operations manager, Bob Hailey, told local Rotary Club members of the Guy B. Woodward Museum's need for additional volunteers, and for much needed maintenance of our aging building and artifacts. Bob noted that many of our current volunteers are getting older, and that we need to recruit some younger folks to help out. Rotary members then suggested many possible volunteer sources such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Ramona High School Interact Club, and the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC). **Kim Lasley, Rotary Club President, then stepped up to the plate with a \$200.00 donation.** Bob is doing a fantastic job in spreading the word about our great museum as evidenced by the Rotary Club's input and donation, and by the **recent \$1,000.00 from the Kiwanis Club of Ramona** to use towards our much-needed maintenance. Kiwanis has also helped out by providing volunteer docents for the past year and a half. **Let's all give Rotary, Kiwanis, and Bob a big "Atta-Boy."**



Kim Lasley, Rotary President



Kevin Kiwanis President



Bob Hailey, RPHS General Manager

RECENT VISITORS TO OUR MUSEUM: We had 20 folks from **Solana Beach Senior Center** take a tour last Wednesday. The visitors loved the museum and were quite pleased with the presentations given by our volunteer docents, Ken Woodward and Jackie Foglio. Our staff and board sincerely appreciate that our founder's son, Ken Woodward, continues to volunteer as a docent in his retirement. There is another tour scheduled this next Wednesday (2/7) with approximately 25 to 30 from the **Temecula Valley Historical Society.**

DOCENTS: "DOCENT" COMES FROM THE LATIN WORD "DOCERE." A DOCENT IS A trained volunteer who acts as a guide and interpreter in a museum, art gallery, or zoo. Without our dedicated docents it would be impossible to open our museum to visitors. A big thank you to the following folks who continually serve as docents at the Guy B. Woodward Museum.

RPHS Members: Jackie Foglio, Alice Funk, Wayne Jones, Judy Nachazel, Rex McCray & Ken Woodward

Kiwanis Members: Jeff Merzbacher & Denise Ragsdale

Members of both RPHS & Kiwanis: Jeff Funk, Bob Hailey & Mary Halliday

A normal month sees us needing to fill approximately 32 docents shifts. Thus, many of the above individuals must fill two or more shifts. Other RPHS or Kiwanis members who desire to help out please call Bob Hailey (760-789-7644) to arrange to attend docent training.



Our Founder – Guy Woodward vs Bing Crosby

(From the Oceanside Historical Society – Fall 2017 Newsletter – Page 5)

“Guy B. Woodward joined the Oceanside Police Department in 1934 as a traffic officer and was Oceanside’s first motorcycle patrolman. In that position he pulled over singer/actor Bing Crosby in 1936. Woodward had clocked Crosby speeding 55 in a 25-mile an hour zone. Crosby was fined \$35 in city court by Judge W.S. Hart. Despite his penchant for speeding motorists, Woodward was said to be “the most efficient and best liked patrolman in Southern California.”

In 1941 Woodward was promoted to police captain and in 1943 he was made head of investigations. By 1947 he was made Chief of Police. Two years later he attended the FBI academy and received a commendation from J. Edgar Hoover.

In 1950 Woodward left Oceanside for El Centro and later retired to Ramona, his boyhood home, where he opened and ran a museum that was named in his honor.”



MYSTERY ARTIFACT: A gold star to the reader who identifies this item for us.





A BIT OF HISTORY: **Valentine's Day**, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is an annual holiday celebrated on February 14. It originated as a Western Christian liturgical feast day honoring one or more early saints named Valentinus, and is recognized as a significant cultural and commercial celebration in many regions around the world, although it is not a public holiday in any country. February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition.



Happy Valentine's Day

Jeff Funk
Newsletter Editor & RPHS Secretary

