



# Pinole **Historical** Society

## E-News

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 PHS PROGRAM**

## **USS POTOMAC, FDR'S FLOATING WHITE HOUSE**

**T**he history of the USS Potomac, from its service as the “Floating White House” of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, to its rescue from scrapping and restoration, will be the topic of the Pinole Historical Society’s February 10 meeting.

As always, members and guests are welcome to attend from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Conference Rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.

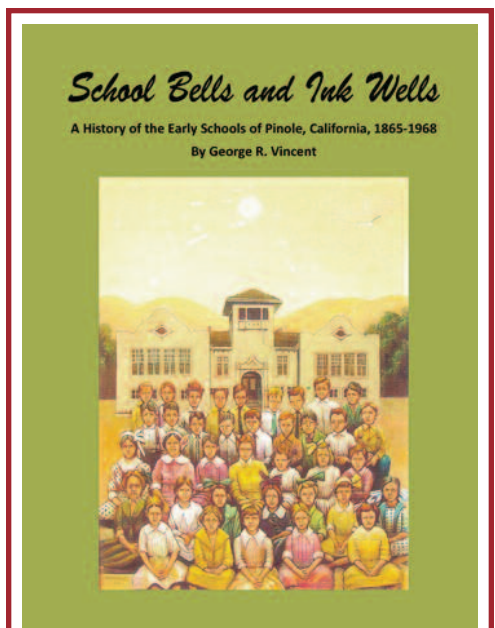
Bill Hodges, a docent for 19 years with the Potomac Association, which rescued the ship from the scrap heap and restored it, will

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**FDR (second from right) standing next to King George VI of England aboard the USS Potomac on June 9, 1939.**

**Published by the Pinole Historical Society**



*School Bells and Ink Wells*

A History of the Early Schools of Pinole, California, 1865-1968

By George R. Vincent

## **BOOK SIGNING**

**Saturday, February 11**

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Alex Clark Room**

**Pinole Public Safety Building**

**880 Tennent Avenue**

**Meet George Vincent  
and get an autographed  
copy of his new book about  
the early schools of Pinole.**

*If you can't attend the book  
signing, order the book via mail.  
See the form inside.*

**February 1, 2017**



*The Potomac cruises San Francisco Bay.*



*President Roosevelt (far right) on the Potomac.*

## USS POTOMAC

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present the program, which includes a 14-minute video outlining the ship and the part it played in FDR's administrations. The ship is docked at Jack London Square in Oakland and is open for public tours.

After the video, he'll tell FDR stories, including some about those people who surrounded our 32nd president, answer questions from the audience, and conduct a fun quiz afterward, with awarding of passes for dockside tours.

The program also highlights the Potomac Association's educational program and how tens-of-thousands of Northern California children have benefited from it.

The Potomac was originally commissioned the USCG Cutter Electra in 1934. In 1936, it was renamed the USS Potomac and served as FDR's presidential yacht until his death in 1945.

More than a quarter of a million people have visited and sailed aboard the USS Potomac since it opened to the public in the summer of 1995. More than \$5 million was spent over a 12-year period to restore the 165-foot-long vessel as a memorial to the president who authored the New Deal and led the United States during the Great Depression and the World War II years.

*President Roosevelt being served a meal aboard the USS Potomac in 1936.*



## 2017 PHS meeting dates

**P**ut these dates on your calendar and attend all four of our interesting and thought-provoking history programs. Here are the dates and our programs:

### **FEBRUARY 10**

U.S.S. Potomac Association

### **MAY 12**

Susie Fernandez on her family's history

### **SEPTEMBER 8**

Author John Robinson presents the history of the Carquinez Bridge

### **NOVEMBER 3**

To be announced

All meetings are held from 6:30-8 PM in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.

For more information, call (510) 724-9507, or e-mail [info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org). Visit our website for more information about our February 10 program: [www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org)

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## PLEASE RENEW YOUR PHS MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't already done so, please clip the membership renewal form on the next page of this newsletter and mail it to us with your check.

If you're not a member, please join.

The Pinole Historical Society thanks you for your many years of support as we work to preserve the history of the city, bring history programs to the community, and establish the Pinole History Museum.

## PINOLE LIBRARY'S HISTORY EXHIBITS

The Pinole Historical Society has two exhibits at the Pinole Library. "Pinole ... Then and Now" features photos from the society's archives of buildings that existed at the turn of the 20th century and recent photos of buildings on those sites today.



This joins our permanent exhibit featuring artifacts, photos, and memorabilia from Pinole's history.

Visit [www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.PinoleHistoricalSociety.org) for information on Pinole Historical Society activities and the history of Pinole.

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## SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2017

For only \$30, you can help the PHS accomplish its mission of bringing the history of Pinole to our residents through exhibits at the Pinole Library, quarterly membership programs, history programs in schools, Pinole Community TV programs, Walking tours of downtown Pinole, the Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony in Fernandez Park — and you'll have the satisfaction promoting and preserving Pinole's history for future generations.

**JOIN THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY (OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP)  
AND HELP PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF OUR CITY.**

**Please mail the membership application today!**

# Pinole **Historical** Society

## 2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE 2017 CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS)

**PLEASE SEND CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION TO  
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NAME: (each member): \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL (please!): \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE: Annual-new (\$30)    Annual-renewal (\$30)    Business (\$50)    Life (\$150)

METHOD OF PAYMENT:  Cash     Check (Payable to Pinole Historical Society)

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TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

# GEORGE VINCENT'S BOOK ABOUT THE EARLY SCHOOLS OF PINOLE HAS ARRIVED

ORDER *School Bells and Ink Wells* TODAY!

**P**inole Historical Society co-founder and historian George Vincent's long-awaited book, "*School Bells and Ink Wells: a History of the Early Schools of Pinole, 1865-1968*," has been published and is for sale.

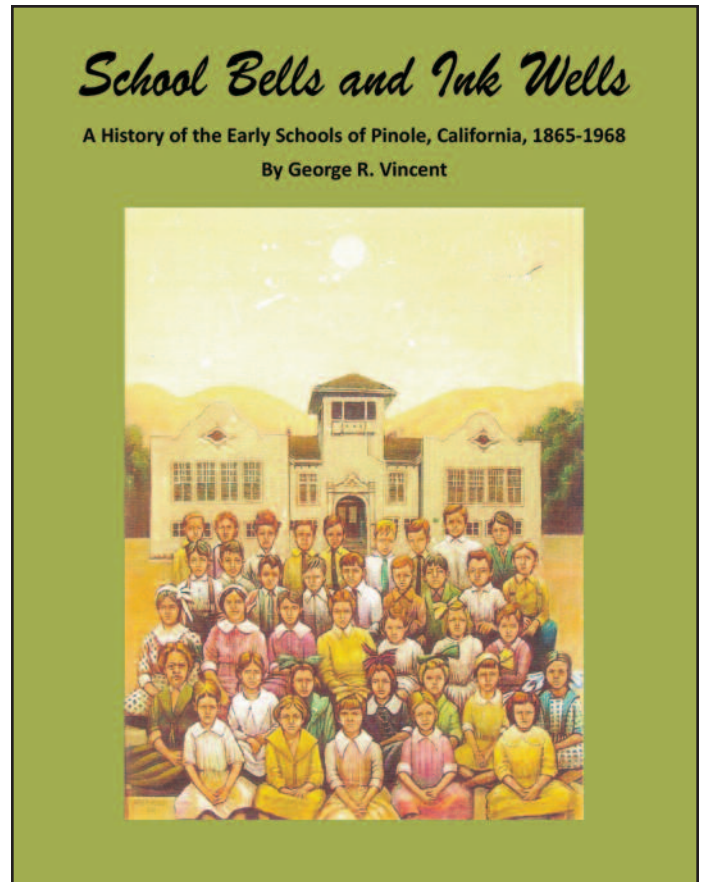
The 124-page book, featuring more than 150 photos, some never-before seen, chronicles the history of the Fitzgerald Ranch School (1865-1886), Plaza School (1886-1906), and Pinole-Hercules School #1 (1906-1966).

The book is filled with stories and amusing anecdotes, and anyone who went to school in Pinole will treasure this fond memory of their early education.

The book brings to light the workings and people that made the Pinole-Hercules Union School District the envy of surrounding townships.

Hill School alumni are fiercely loyal to their "green school" that stood atop Samuel Street in Pinole until 1968. There is a shared pride of camaraderie understood only by those who bore the trials of the daily uphill climb to the creaking stairs and dark halls haunted by the strict stares of lurking teachers.

If you are interested in purchasing the book (\$30, including sales tax and postage), please fill out the order form below and mail it to George Vincent. He will mail the book to you.



## *School Bells and Ink Wells*

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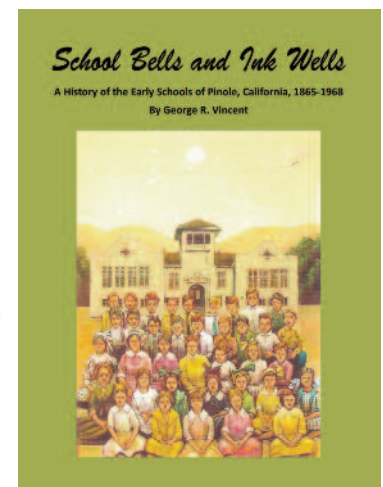
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**TOTAL: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to **George Vincent**





# PHS OFF UNTIL APRIL AT PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET

**T**he Pinole Historical Society is taking the first quarter off from its booth at the Pinole Farmers' Market.

We will return in April. Thanks for your many years of support. Please stop by our booth and say hello in the spring.



## *Pinole featured on KGO Radio*

KGO radio reporter Jennifer Jones Lee interviewed PHS President Jeff Rubin to discover the origin of the word "Pinole."

Listen to the segment here:  
<http://www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/KGOPinoleorigin.mp3>



The Pinole Historical Society is now on Facebook! Search for us at <https://www.facebook.com/PinoleHistoricalSociety/>

**Like us, Friend us, Follow us,** Tell your friends and family about us.

We look forward to sharing Pinole's history with you.

# PINOLE'S HISTORY IS ON PINOLE COMMUNITY TV

**F**our historical videos have added to the Pinole Community TV website: [www.ci.pinoles.ca.us/about/videos.html](http://www.ci.pinoles.ca.us/about/videos.html)

- Pinole Historical Society – School Bells and Ink Wells (Old Pinole Schools)

- Pinole Historical Society – The Presidential Rosies (Rosie the Riveters in Washington, D.C.)

- Pinole Historical Society – A Flood of Memories (Floods in Pinole)

- Maritime Contra Costa County – A history of the maritime industry in the county.

These additions bring to 35 the number of Pinole-history videos on the city's website. We thank Dave Snell and Stewart McCale of the PCTV staff for their good work in getting these videos online.

And, we thank Bob Kopp, who recorded many of these events for the society.

Miss one of our history programs on PCTV? Don't despair. The city's website has a dedicated section devoted to Pinole's history on its "Videos Online" page. You can view the numerous PHS programs right on your computer.



Go to the city's website [www.ci.pinoles.ca.us/about/videos.html](http://www.ci.pinoles.ca.us/about/videos.html) and scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY.

You'll find our quarterly programs, interviews, Veterans Day programs, George Vincent's two walking tours

of historic downtown Pinole, and the very fine, PCTV-produced, 12-part series based on the society's Historic Walking Tour brochure.

Also there are recorded interviews with several prominent Pinole citizens, including Ed LeFebvre, Charlotte (Fernandez) Shea, former fire chief Alex Clark, and former mayors Jack Meehan and Tom Cutino.

# FRIENDS OF THE PINOLE LIBRARY BOOK SALE AT THE PINOLE FARMERS' MARKET



**FEBRUARY 11, 25**  
**Pinole Farmers' Market**

**T**he Friends of the Pinole Library displays selected books at the Pinole Farmers' Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on alternate Saturdays.

This popular display offers many different genre of books, accessories, CDs, and DVDs, and varies from week to week.



# BOOK SIGNING

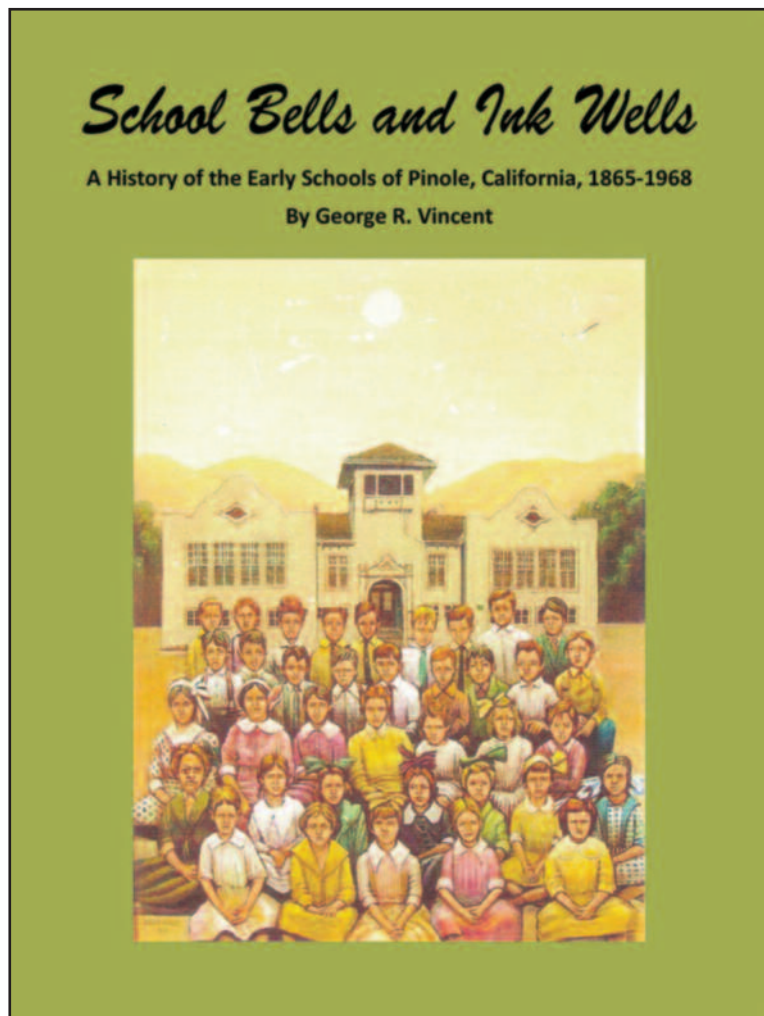
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During the registration process, you will be asked to select up to three organizations to support. By selecting the Pinole Historical Society only, you will allow us to get the most possible back!

You may begin to receive email updates from the eScrip program.



- Sign up for the NEW\* Shares program by registering your phone number with eScrip. Go to: <http://www.escrip.com/>
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# Flag Holidays

**E**very year we see more American flags being displayed for community and special events.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution which stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Francis Hopkinson, of New Jersey, a naval flag designer and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, designed the 1777 flag.

The original flag has been modified 26 times and was unchanged with its 48 stars for 47 years, beginning with Arizona's and New Mexico's admittance to the Union on July 4, 1912. On January 3, 1959, when Alaska was admitted to the Union, the number of stars increased to 49. On August 21, 1959, when Hawaii was admitted to the Union, the flag showed 50 stars.

Flag holidays include:

- New Year's Day (Jan. 1)
- Inauguration Day (Jan. 20)
- Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday (Third Monday in January)
- Lincoln's Birthday (Feb. 12)
- Presidents Day (Third Monday in February)
- Washington's Birthday (February 22)
- Easter Sunday
- Army Day (April 6)
- National Day of Prayer (First Thursday in May)
- V-E Day (May 8)
- Mother's Day (Second Sunday in May)
- Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15; half-staff all day)
- Armed Forces Day (Third Saturday in May)
- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May; half-staff until noon)
- D-Day (June 6)
- Flag Day (June 14)
- Father's Day (Third Sunday in June)
- Independence Day (July 4)
- Korean War Veterans Day (July 27)
- V-J Day (September 2)
- Labor Day (First Monday in September)
- Patriot Day (September 11; half staff all day)
- Constitution Day (September 17)
- Gold Star Mothers Day (September 27)
- Columbus Day (Oct. 12)
- Navy Day (October 27)
- Election Day (First Tuesday in November)
- Veterans Day (Nov. 11)
- Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (December 7; half staff all day)
- Christmas Day (Dec. 25)

Other flag holidays include Inauguration Day (every four years), election days, state and local holidays, Admission Day, and others proclaimed by the President of the United States.

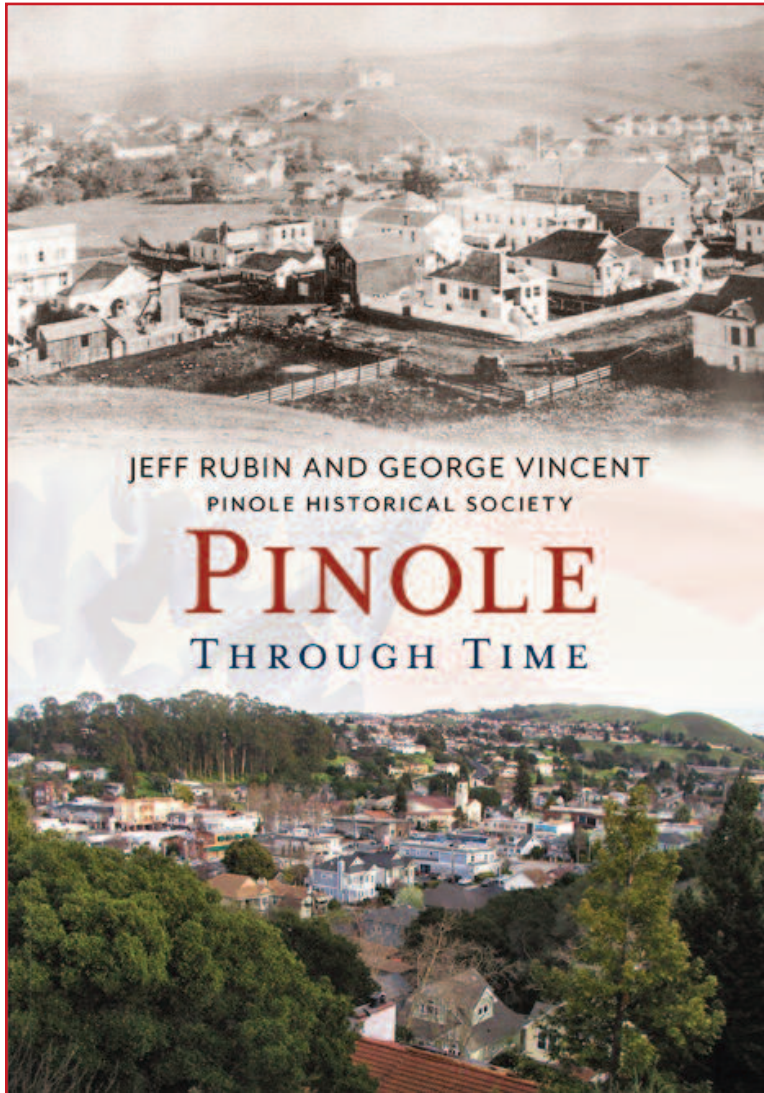
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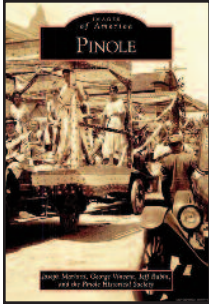
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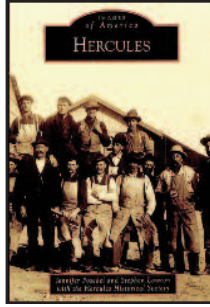
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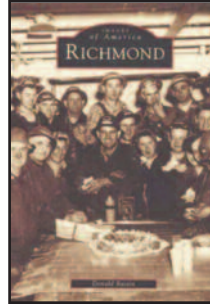




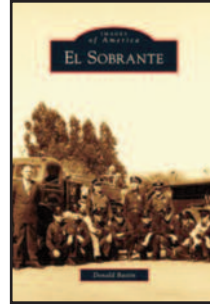
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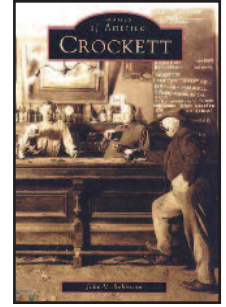
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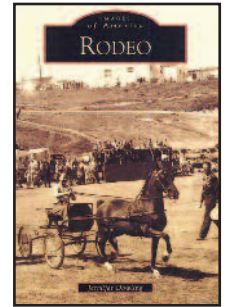
# LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pinole Historical Society sells Arcadia books about Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County at the Pinole Farmers' Market every other Saturday through December.

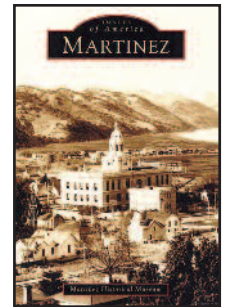
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books are \$24, including sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are \$22, including sales tax.

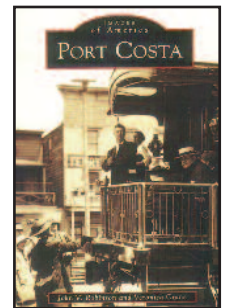
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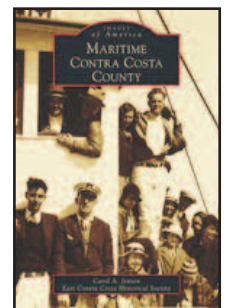
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## Pinole **Historical** Society

**ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE  
SIGNIFICANT IN PINOLE'S HISTORY**

**PHOTOS:** People, family, events, buildings  
(particularly buildings no longer standing)

**MOVIES:** VHS, Beta, camcorder, DV tape, 8mm,  
Super 8mm, 16mm, 35mm film of parades  
and events, floods, fires, etc.

**ALL PHOTOS AND MOVIES WILL BE RETURNED.**

**MEMORABILIA/ARTIFACTS:** Documents, programs,  
pins & ribbons (events, sports, political), sports,  
trophies, Fiesta del Pinole/Holy Ghost gowns, etc.

We are collecting, digitizing, cataloging, and preserving  
these items to exhibit, educate, and entertain.

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