

Pinole**Historica**lSociety **E-News**

May 2 Annual Meeting

Digging Up History: Artifacts from the Outhouses of Pinole

eteran artifact collector Sonny Jackson will show us an assortment of his local collectibles and postcards, providing insights on how and where to find these objects.

The public is invited to this FREE event on Friday, May 2, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms 2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road. Refreshments will be served.

Sonny's exploits have yielded many interesting items, some of which will be on display at the meeting. He's been a generous supporter of the society, sharing with us his voluminous postcard collection, one of which, a scene of the Four Corners taken around 1900, is displayed above.



This will also be our annual meeting, at which PHS members vote for members of the board of directors.



We're back at the Pinole Farmers' Market

he Pinole Historical Society is back at the Pinole Farmers' Market.

Our sixth season begins Saturday, April 5. We'll be selling our books, postcards, greeting cards, magnets, and American flags every other Saturday through the end of the year.

Please stop by and say hello — and take home a free newsletter.

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April 1, 2014

The Pinole Historical Society promotes awareness and appreciation of history through preservation and education, and chronicles the city's heritage for current and future generations.



Wells Fargo Pinole Mural video on our website

Click this link: www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/PinoleMural.mov

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN ANNUAL PHS ESSAY CONTEST

he Pinole Historical Society's Sixth Annual History
Essay Contest drew entries from Shannon, Ellerhorst, and Collins elementary schools, St. Joseph's School, and Pinole Valley High School.

Students were asked to write a maximum of 250 words on this topic: What would you like Pinole to be like 25 years from now?



The contest ran from the first week in January through the end of February.

Awards will be given the last week of the school year to the students at each school who wrote the best essays.

Mayor Debbie Long (far left) presented awards to the winners in 2013.

Pinole Historical Society

P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON THE PHS BOARD?

There will be three seats open on the Pinole Historical Society Board of Directors at our May 2 annual meeting, at which we will elect board members.

Would you be interested in serving a two-year term?

Please let us know by e-mailing us at *info@pinolehistoricalsociety.org* so we can discuss with you the responsibilities of board membership.

We're also always appreciative of volunteers for our various events and activities. Please let us know if you'd be interested in this.

PHS adds new Arcadia book to list of offerings

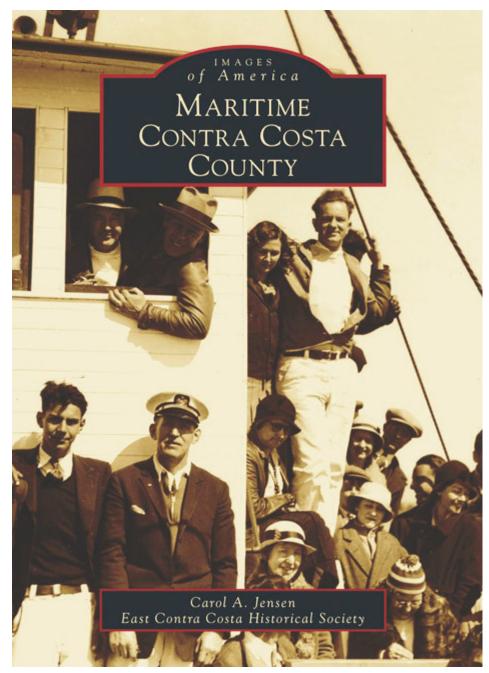
he PHS is offering the latest Arcadia "Images of America" title in this region, Maritime Contra Costa County, for sale at the Pinole Farmers' Market and via mail order.

Written by Contra Costa
Historic Landmark Advisory
Committee vice president Carol
A. Jensen, the book presents the
county's vibrant maritime history
through images drawn from the
Library of Congress, California
State Library, San Francisco
Historical Photograph Collection,
Contra Costa County archives, and
important local historical society
collections.

Herein we experience in vintage photographs this region's impact on significant California events. From these piers were shipped wines to challenge French viticultural supremacy, grains destined to make Guinness beer great, and soldiers embarked for the World War II Pacific theater.

Maritime Contra Costa County provides a fresh perspective on the intertwined histories of San Francisco and its "other coast."

You may order it from the PHS using the form on the last page of this newsletter.



About the author: Carol A. Jensen is a native daughter of the Delta and East Contra Costa County. She is a history graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara. She is a member of the California Historical Society, Contra Costa County Historical Society, East Contra Costa Historical Society, and John Marsh Historic Trust.



SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PHS BY BECOMING A MEMBER IN 2014

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, Pinole history programs in schools, Pinole Community TV programs, Walking tours of downtown Pinole, the Veterans' Day event in Fernandez Park — and you'll have the satisfaction of helping promote and preserve 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 2014 Membership Application

(PINOLE RESIDENCY NOT REQUIRED FOR MEMBERSHIP)

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, AND SEND CASH OR YOUR CHECK, TO PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564

Memberships are for the 2014 calendar year (except Lifetime memberships)

NAME (each person):
ADDRESS:
CITY/ZIP:
PHONE:
E-MAIL (please!):
CIRCLE ONE: Annual (\$30) Life (\$150) Business (\$50) Sustaining \$(500)
AMOUNT ENCLOSED: [] Cash \$ [] Check # \$
DATE PAID:

PHS VIDEOS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

iss one of our history programs on Pinole Community TV? Don't despair. The city's website has a dedicated section devoted to PINOLE 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.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html and scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY.

You'll find our 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 Historic Walking Tour brochure. It's great TV!

PHS SEEKING FAMILY FILMS FOR HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

ot film?
The Pinole Historical Society is embarking on a major project to archive the city's history. We want to establish a permanent, digitized collection of Pinole's history.

Do you have film of past Holy Ghost parades, Pinole Valley High School Homecoming parades, Memorial Day or July 4 parades?

How about important athletic events, such as a high-school football, basketball, baseball, softball, or volleyball games?

Perhaps you have film of an important event that took place in Fernandez Park, or a ribbon cutting or an event that has a place in Pinole's history — such as the 1958 flood?

We're looking for any video or film you have — VHS, Beta, camcorder, DV tape, 8mm, Super 8mm,



16mm, 35mm, motion picture.

Nearly everyone has taken home movies. That makes everyone who has taken film a historian.

We want to collect, digitize, catalog, and preserve old movies on DVD (and whatever formats are to come) to exhibit, educate, and entertain.

The PHS will share these videos on a film archive that we will establish, similar to the The Pioneers Film Archive on YouTube created by the California Pioneers of Santa Clara

(www.youtube.com/sccpioneers).

Film connects with the past in a unique way. It's immersive, educational, and entertaining. It's a way to get young people interested in history.

Got film? Please contact us at *info@pinolehistor-icalsociety.org*. We'll return your film; we just want to borrow and digitize it.

PHS BOARD MEETS APRIL 9 AT SENIOR CENTER

n addition to our quarterly general membership meetings, the Pinole Historical Society Board of Directors meets monthly on the second Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pinole Senior Center.

Our members, and the public, are invited to attend these board meetings and speak on any item that is discussed.

Our next meeting is April 9.

2014 quarterly meetings at Kaiser continue on Friday evenings

he 2014 quarterly membership meetings of the Pinole Historical Society will be held Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in conference rooms

2A and 2B of the Kaiser Permanante Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.

As always, we will have an interesting program for you at each meeting.

The remaining 2014 meeting schedule is: May 2 • September 5 • November 7

Upcoming events

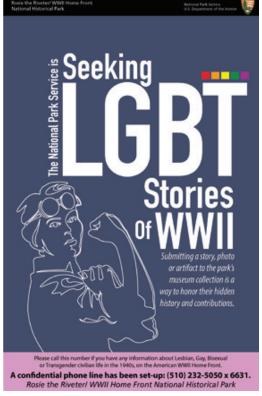
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SEEKING STORIES FROM LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER WORLD WAR II CIVILIANS

osie the Riveter/WWII
Home Front National
Historical Park will
preserve the stories and artifacts
associated with the civilian American World War II Home Front.

Since 2000, when the park was established, many stories and artifacts relating to life in the 1940s have been donated. However, there are still many aspects of the civilian WWII home front that the park would like to discover and preserve, including the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people.

Likely due to the prejudice and severe legal, economic, and social consequences of revealing sexual orientation in the 1940s, the park's museum does not have any information about LGBT civilians.

"It's urgent that we collect these and other under-represented stories, since many people from this generation have passed away without documenting their contributions or experi-



ences from World War II," says Lead Park Ranger Elizabeth Tucker.

The park is partnering with the Rosie the Riveter Trust, which supports the park's efforts to document LGBT stories, and consulting with public historian Donna Graves to produce a traveling exhibit in 2015.

A confidential phone line has been set up: (510) 232-5050 x6631. Please call this number if you have any information about LGBT civilian life in the 1940s.

On March 24 at 3 p.m., the National Park Service and the Rosie the Riveter Trust will partner with the Lesbian Social Club in Rossmoor to host an event at this large retirement community in Walnut Creek to gather LGBT stories. The author of "Wax," a fictional account of two lesbian

workers in the Richmond Kaiser Shipyards, will be the keynote speaker.

To attend, please RSVP to (510) 232-5050 x6631.

PHS SELLING EMBROIDERED AMERICAN FLAGS

e have a box full of made-in-the-USA American flags, with beautifully embroidered stars and sewn stripes.

These durable flags, resistant to fading and fraying, are made of Dupont Solarmax nylon fabric. They look great and fly well in low wind.

They have brass grommets attached to heavy canvas pole ends and combine lustrous beauty with superior wearing quality and excellent fly ability.

These flags are made by the Valley Forge Flag Company, and are directly comparable in both



quality and durability to flags sold by leading home improvement and retail stores for up to \$30. This size is suitable for flagpoles from 15 to 20 feet.

These flags are only \$25, including sales tax. We'll deliver if you live in West Contra Costa County. If not, we will ship the flag to you

for an additional \$5. We also have flag poles for \$5. We do not ship the poles.

To order, send a check payable to the Pinole Historical Society to P.O. Box 285, Pinole, 94564

We also sell these flags at our Pinole Farmers' Market booth.



All tours and programs take place at the Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

SUNDAYS

Women, Get a War Job!

April 13, 20 - 11:30 a.m. (45 minutes)

April 13, 20, 27 – 2 p.m. (45 minutes)

Learn about the World War II campaign that called women to "do their part."

Home Front History on Your Bike! (RSVP required) April 27 —10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Explore Richmond's World War II-era history along the Bay Trail. Bring your bike and meet park rangers at the Visitor Center. (Easy, helmets required, rain cancels.) RSVP to Raphael_Allen@nps.gov.

MONDAYS

Opposing the "Good War"

April 7, 14, 21, 28 – 2 p.m. (45 minutes)

What happened to the conscientious objectors during World War II?

TUESDAYS

Of Lost Conversations

Ranger talk by Betty Soskin

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – 2 p.m. (45 minutes)

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experiences as a young African American woman during World War II.

WEDNESDAYS

Wartime Playtime: Toys and Games in World War II April 2, 16, 30 – 2 p.m. (45 minutes)

Docent Brad Bunnin will discuss how American children played their way through World War II, often with kid-sized uniforms, toy guns, model airplanes, and ships.

Richmond Bus Tour with Ranger Betty Soskin (Reservation only)

April 2, 16 – (2 1/2 hours)

Board the bus with ranger Betty Soskin to visit key park sites while reflecting on African-American homefront experiences. Space is limited, reservations are required: call (510) 232-5050, x0, for start time and location.

Women, Get a War Job! April 9, 23 – 1:30 p.m. (45 minutes)

Learn about the World War II media campaign that called women to do their part.

THURSDAYS

Blossoms and Thorns

April 3, 10, 17, 24 – 2 p.m.

Docent Flora Ninomiya screens the film "Blossoms and Thorns," and shares her childhood experiences in a World War II internment camp.

The First Lady, the Cement Tycoon, and the 8-Hour Orphans

April 10, 24 – 11 a.m. (1 hour)

Eleanor Roosevelt was a major proponent of factory-based childcare for working mothers during World War II. Tour a wartime preschool classroom exhibit and learn about the First Lady's role in bringing federally-funded childcare centers to Richmond's Kaiser shipyards and other industrial communities. Tour meets at the Maritime Child Development Center, 1014 Florida Avenue, corner of Harbour Way. RSVP: Lucien_sonder@nps.gov.

Of Lost Conversations

Ranger talk by Betty Soskin

April 3, 17 – 11 a.m. (45 minutes)

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experiences as a young African American woman during World War II.

Historic film aboard the Red Oak Victory April 17 – 7 p.m.

"The Sea Chase" (1955): Starring John Wayne and Lana Turner. Merchant captain John Wayne tries to evade enemy ships and ger his crew home. This one has a twist! \$5 donation to board ship at Shipyard No. 3, 1337 Canal Boulevard, Berth 6A, Richmond. For directions call (510) 237-2933.

FRIDAYS

Rosie Meet and Greet!

April 18, 25 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A perfect opportunity for the public to meet a group of Rosies who worked in the Kaiser shipyards during World War II.

Rationing for the Home Cook April 4, 18 – 2 p.m. (45 minutes)

During World War II, Americans were asked to sacrifice in support of the troops, and this was evident daily at the dinner table. Learn about rationing and share a sweet treat invented by wartime cooks.

SATURDAYS

Of Lost Conversations
Ranger talk by Betty Soskin

April 5, 12, 19, 26 – 2 p.m.

Ranger Betty Soskin discusses her experiences as a young African American woman during World War II.

All tours and programs take place at the Visitor Center, 1414 Harbour Way South, Richmond, unless otherwise noted. For directions and information, call (510) 232-5050 x0 or visit www.nps.gov/rori. The Visitor Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Visitor Center is located behind the historic Ford Assembly Building, through the security gate.

National Park Service/Richmond Museum film festival's final two movies about World War II home front

he National Park Service (NPS) and the Richmond Museum of History are halfway through their four-movie "Third Thursday Historic Film Series" aboard the SS Red Oak Victory, a beautifully restored cargo ship built in Richmond during World War II.

The ship, now part of Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park, is located in historic Shipyard #3 at 1337 Canal Blvd., Berth 6A, in Richmond. For directions, call (510) 237-2933 or visit www.ssredoakvictory.com/contact.htm.

Boarding begins at 6:30 p.m. and the films begin at 7 p.m. There is a donation of \$5 to board the ship and enjoy ship exhibits prior to the film. Please note: the ship is not ADA accessible. Visitors must be able to climb the gangplank (40 feet of stairs with railings) and steep steps once aboard.

Remember to dress warmly, as it can be chilly aboard the ship.

The remaining films include:

• Thursday, April 17: The Sea Chase (1955), starring John Wayne and Lana Turner. Merchant captain John Wayne tries to evade and escape from





enemy ships and take his crew home.

• Thursday, May 15: Swing Shift (1984), starring Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell. California aircraft workers support the war effort and find romance on the home front.

New exhibits coming to Rosie the Riveter park

he Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park began the installation of new permanent interpretive exhibits on March 1 in the Visitor Education Center.

The public unveiling of the exhibits will be May 24; in the interim, the Visitor Center will remain open seven days per week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for a closure lasting one or two days starting Tuesday, April 1.

The exhibit galleries will be closed in April. The Visitor Education Center, however, will remain open, and Rangers will continue to show films every half hour and will lead a variety of programs in the building's theater.

Additional walking tours and programs will be offered at 11 a.m. several days a week. Please check www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvisit/things2do.htm for the new program schedule.

The Visitor Education Center is located at 1414 Harbour Way South, suite 3000, Richmond. For more information and directions, please call (510) 232-5050 x0 or visit www.nps.gov/rori/planyourvis-it/directions.htm. Admission is free.

If you would like to receive information about

upcoming park events, visit the Rosie the Riveter Trust at *www.rosietheriveter.org* and sign up for the newsletter.

ACCESS THE PHS WEBSITE ON YOUR SMARTPHONE



I ind out more about Pinole's history by using your smartphone to scan this QR code.

It will take you to the Pinole Historical Society website, where you will learn about our city's history, current historical society events, and much more.



BARBECUE FOR THE TROOPS

KOPP PRODUCTIONS AND THE CITY OF PINOLE ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THIS EVENT HONORING OUR TROOPS

With every ticket purchased you will provide AND enjoy a barbecue with 50 soldiers, their spouses, and children. We believe so many soldiers have sacrificed so much for our country, and we want to thank them for their service.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

FERNANDEZ PARK, PINOLE

(RAIN DAYS: APRIL 12 AND APRIL 19)

TICKETS: \$20 (ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD)

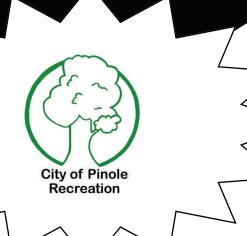
Menu: Appetizers, NY steak or chicken for adults, hamburgers and hot dogs for children under 10, drinks and desserts, bouncers and activities for children, and live entertainment.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS: Continental Electric, Kopp Productions, Pinole Police Employees Association, West Coast Drilling, W.R. Forde Construction, McGuire Harley-Davidson, Crocketts Premier Auto Body

ORDER BARBECUE FOR THE TROOPS TICKETS

Mail coupon and check payable to KOPP PRODUCTIONS to 2320 Doidge Ave., Pinole, CA 94564. Tickets will be mailed to you. For more information, contact Bob Kopp at (510) 772-0016 or koppproductions@comcast.net

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The best things are happening in YOUR neighborhood!

Wise Ol' Storytelling

—a Storytelling Concert Saturday May 31, 2014 2:00-4:00PM

Pinole Youth Center

Share an afternoon of awe and wonder for children of all ages.

This will be an interactive family event!

Tickets available at the Door.
Suggested donations \$8 for adults \$5 for children

Celebration of Wine

Tasting

Saturday June 14, 2014 1-4:00PM Pinole Senior Center

We will be celebrating local wineries and wine makers

\$25 per person includes entry, souvenir wine glass, 2 flights*
*additional flights available for purchase

Sponsored in-part by PYF

Www.CelebrationofWineTasting.brownpapertickets.com

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
TODAY!

Sponsored in-part by PYF & Storytelling Association of California

Upcoming Children's Day Camps

Spring Break April 7-11, 2014

Summer Camp begins June 9th, 10 weeks of fun!

Limited spaces are available for Registration

City Wide Garage Sale

Put your families Garage Sale on the City –Wide Map\$
Saturday, June 21, 2014

10am-3pm \$20 per listing

http://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/live/news/garage_sale.html

Pinole Youth Foundation Open House Fun & Games

Saturday June 28, 2014 10-1:00PM

Pinole Youth Center

FREE

Come out for a day of fun and play with the Pinole Youth

Foundation and Youth Commission





CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 21st

10:00am - 3:00pm

Sponsored by the Pinole Senior Center \$20 to register your garage sale REGISTRATION BEGINS 3/31/14 REGISTRATIONS DUE BY 5/30/14 Info or to register
(510) 724-9802
seniors@ci.pinole.ca.us
www.ci.pinole.ca.us/recreation
Pinole Senior Center
2500 Charles Ave
Pinole, CA 94564

Your trash may be someone else's treasure! Register to list your garage sale on a map that will be available online and in print form at all Oity facilities, as well as circulated through local shops, businesses, and restaurants. In turn for registering and supporting us, we will support you by taking care of all the advertising. Do your spring cleaning, host a garage sale, and maybe even find some treasures of your own!

Help us spread the word by emailing your HOA, neighborhood group and friends plus feel free to post your own flyers. You keep all of the proceeds from your own sale!

Come shopping and find your own treasures while supporting recreation programs in Pinole. Garage sale map and registry will be available at www.ci.pinole.ca.us/recreation and at Oty facilities starting June 9.

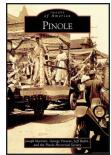
Not a Pinole Resident? Don't have a garage? Limited table space available inside of the Pinole Senior Center! Pinole Senior Center members can register for a table beginning 3/31/14. Non members can register beginning 4/7/14.

Pinole Citywide Garage Sale Registration Form SATURDAY, JUNE 21st, 10am – 3pm

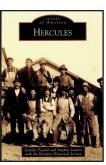
Sponsored by the Pinole Senior Center
Regist rat ion forms are due May 30th by 4pm by mail or drop off to:
Pinole Senior Cent er
2500 Charles Ave., Pinole, CA 94564



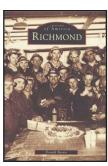
Registration not accepted without \$20 payment. Make checks	payable to <u>City of Pinole</u> .
Name	_
Street Address/Sale Location	
Nearest Cross Street	
Phone	
Home	Cell
Email Address (please include if you would like to review	your listing prior to publication)
Sale Descript ion: Maximum of 20 words describing the it enfundraiser for a charity, snacks available, et c.). Descript ions	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·







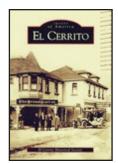
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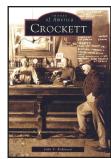
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LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

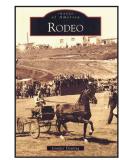
he Pinole Historical Society has Arcadia Publishing books about Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, Port Costa, and Maritime Contra Costa County. And, of course, we have plenty of Pinole books in stock.

You may purchase one or more of these books from us at the Pinole Farmers' Market-we'll be there every other Saturday through the end of December.

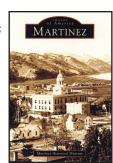
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, El Cerrito, and Maritime Contra Costa County

books retail for \$24, including 8.75% sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are \$22, including 8.75% sales tax.

Or, you may order one or more by mail and we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole** Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564.



Rodeo

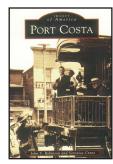


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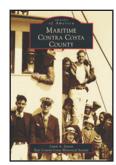
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Total amount enclosed \$				

Please mail your check for the total amount due, payable to Pinole Historical Society, to:

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Port Costa



Maritime