



Pinole **Historical** Society

E-News



Pinole Police Commander Matthew Messier (center, flanked by detectives Essex Combong, left, and Matthew Wallace, right), will present a program on the history of Law Enforcement in Pinole at the next PHS meeting on February 16.

PHS PROGRAM THIS THURSDAY

The Pinole Historical Society's February 16 quarterly membership meeting will feature two interesting presentations, including a book signing featuring a well-known local author.

Commander Matt Messier of the Pinole Police Department will

present *The History of Law Enforcement in Pinole*, and author Donald Bastin will do a short presentation and a book signing for his just-published Arcadia book, *Images of America: El Sobrante*.

Donald is also the author of *Images of America: Richmond*, published in 2000.

We have a new location for this meeting: Conference Rooms 2A and 2B in the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road.

Our program will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Please join us. Members and non-members are always welcome at our free events.

NEW LOCATION FOR PHS MEETING

The February 16 meeting will be held in the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building on Pinole Valley Road in Conference Rooms 2A and 2B (first floor).

WINTER ISSUE OF *NEWSBRIEFS* AT NUMEROUS LOCATIONS

The winter issue of Pinole Historical Society *Newsbriefs* features interesting articles about Pinole history and the history of Contra Costa County.

We are particularly pleased to feature longtime *Contra Costa Times* Columnist Nilda Rego in this issue, writing about the construction of the Carquinez Bridge. It was the world's longest

highway bridge when it was completed in 1927.

Also in this issue is the second part of George Vincent's series on Pinole's rural roots, and a *Pinole Patch* piece on legendary law enforcer from Pinole, M.J. Scanlan (who was a relative of George Vincent's mother, Emily Scanlan Vincent, at the turn of the 20th century).

Newsbriefs is available at these locations:

A Center for Hearing Health (Dr. Joel Ross), AccuTech Auto Care, A.D. Dern Insurance, All-Bay Locksmith, The Alley Cafe, Antlers Tavern, Bank of the West, Bay Park

Retirement Residence, The Bear Claw, Big O Tires, Blue Sky Sports, Cafe Soleil, China House, Cindy's Shear Cuts,

Coldwell Banker Bartels Realtors®, Coldwell Banker (Joni Vasquez and Dave Vida), Complete Automotive Repair Service (C.A.R.S.),

Crocketts Premier Auto Body, Ferial El Ghaoui, D.D.S., Embers, Farmers Insurance (Madeline Crandall), Farmers

Insurance (Carol White), Garden of Gems, Douglas Gordon, D.D.S., Grocery Outlet, Happy Sashimi, Kaiser Permanente

Medical Office Building, K&L Automotive (Rodeo), Kendall Financial Services, Ladies Workout Express, Lakeridge Athletic Club, Masala Specialty Gift Store, Mechanics Bank (Pinole Valley and Pinole Vista), Neto's Pizza, Old Time Realtors, Douglas Oliver, D.D.S., Oliver's Hardware, Park Pharmacy, Attorney Donald E. Patterson, Peggy's Perfections Bead and Boutique, Pinole Art Center, Pinole City Hall, Pinole Creek Cafe, Pinole Library,

Pinole Paws, Pinole Police Department, Pinole Senior Center, Pinole Valley Community Church, Lawrence Radcliffe, D.D.S., Realty World (Viktor

Manrique), Ricky's Corner, Ristorante Due Rose, Sam's Dog House (Pinole and El Sobrante), State Farm Insurance (Mark Bucklew and Rick Chalk), Sunshine Floor Covering, Taqueria Sanchez, Tenax Law Group, 10th Inning Baseball Cards, The New Deli, The Red Onion, The UPS Store, Tina's Place, Top Floor Salon, Albert M. Tsang, D.D.S., Waffle Stop, West Contra Costa Transit Authority, Windermere Rowland Realty, and Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries.

It's also posted on the PHS website at

www.pinolehistoricalsociety.org/newsletter.htm.

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**KAISER PERMANENTE TO HOST
FEBRUARY 16 PHS MEETING**

A new venue and a program featuring two interesting topics will greet an audience of Pinole Historical Society members and the general public at the society's first quarterly meeting of the year on Thursday, February 16.

We'll be meeting in Conference Rooms 2A and 2B in the Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building, 1301 Pinole Valley Road. We'll begin at 6:30 p.m. and end around 8 p.m.

Commander Matt Messier of the Pinole Police Department will present *The History of Law Enforcement in Pinole*, and author Donald Bastin will do a short presentation and a book signing for his just-published Arcadia book, *Images of America: El Sobrante*.

Many of you will remember Commander Messier's first PHS program in 2010, which chronicled the 1929 murder of Pinole Constable Jerry McDonald and the subsequent capture of members of the Fleagle gang, which robbed the Bank of Pinole branch in Rodeo, during which McDonald was machine-gunned to death. Bastin is also the author of *Images of America: Richmond*, published in 2000.



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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.



PINOLE . . . THEN AND NOW AT PINOLE LIBRARY

Photographs from Pinole's past and present highlight the new Pinole Historical Society exhibit at the Pinole Library. This exhibit joins our permanent exhibit featuring artifacts, photos, and memorabilia from our city's history. The PHS thanks the Pinole Library for the exhibit space.

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SERVE ON THE PHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As we approach our Annual Membership Meeting in May, several Board of Directors seats are available and will need to be filled by election of new directors and re-election of current directors. Terms are for three years.

Any member in good standing may serve and may nominate himself/herself or be nominated by another member in good standing. Duties include attendance at Board and regular membership

meetings and a willingness to accept and fulfill assignments.

Please indicate your wish to stand for election by sending a brief statement of your qualifications and desire to serve to the Pinole Historical Society, P. O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564, by April 30, in advance of the May 17, 2012, Annual Membership Meeting. Nominations will also be accepted at the Annual meeting.

PHS SEEKING FAMILY FILMS FOR HISTORICAL ARCHIVE

Got film?

The Pinole Historical Society is embarking on a major project to archive the city's history—family by family and event by event. Our objective is 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 game?

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@pinolehistoricalsociety.org. We'll return your film; we just want to borrow and digitize it.

BE A MEMBER OF THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We've sent out membership renewal letters soon. Please use the 2012 membership form on the last page of this newsletter and either renew your membership—or join for the first time!

It's only \$30 per year, and you'll have the satisfaction of helping fund these PHS activities:

- Exhibits at the Pinole Library
- PHS *Newsbriefs* newsletter
- PHS *E-News* newsletter

- PHS website
- Quarterly programs
- Walking tours of historic Old Town Pinole
- Historical interviews broadcast on Pinole Community TV
- Pinole history presentations to 4th-graders in Pinole schools
- Presentations to community and civic groups
- Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony
- History essay contests in

Pinole schools

- Donation of photos displayed on Pinole Library walls
- Sponsorship of Pinole Valley High School football-game telecasts
- Publication of *Images of America: Pinole* in 2009 (756 sold, plus 45 books sold about other cities: Hercules, Richmond, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, El Sobrante, and Port Costa [801 total]).

Thanks for your support.

PHS INTERVIEWS ON CITY OF PINOLE WEBSITE

Miss one of our programs on Pinole Community TV?

Not a problem. The city's website now 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!

4TH ANNUAL PHS ESSAY CONTEST IN PINOLE SCHOOLS

This year, for our fourth annual essay contest in Pinole schools, students at Ellerhorst, Collins, Shannon, Stewart, and St. Joseph schools, Pinole Middle School, and Pinole Valley High School are asked to use resources at the Pinole Library, at their school, and on the Internet, to

write an essay about a founding father or mother of Pinole, or a notable Pinole citizen, past or present.

Awards will be presented in June at these schools



2011 Shannon Elementary School Grand Prize winner Jorge Garcia is joined by (L-R) Edward M. Downer III, Chairman Emeritus of the Mechanics Bank Board of Directors, Pinole Councilman (then-mayor) Roy Swearingen, and Pinole Historical Society Secretary Jo Ann Gannotti.

by Edward M. Downer III, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Mechanics Bank—our sponsor—and Pinole Historical Society President Marcia Kalapus.

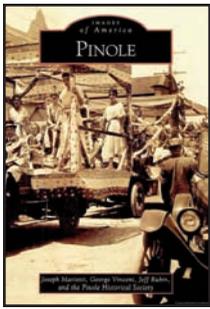
Awards will include certificates to the authors of the best essays in each grade, and savings bonds — courtesy of Mechanics Bank—to Grand Prize

winners. Grand Prize winners will also receive a copy of *Images of America: Pinole*, from the Pinole Historical Society.

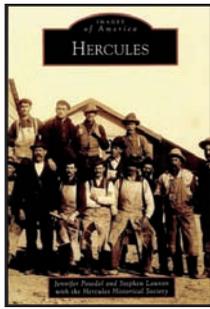
BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have an array of local history books for sale, including the new El Sobrante book, published on January 11, 2012.

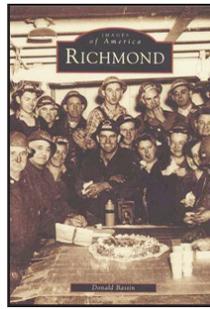
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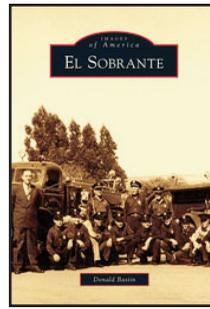
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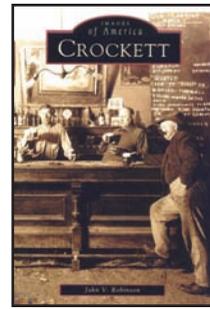
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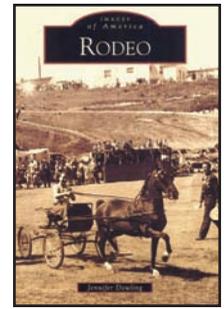
Richmond



El Sobrante



Crockett



Rodeo

LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS AVAILABLE FROM THE PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Pinole Historical Society has Arcadia Publishing books about our surrounding communities of Hercules, Richmond, El Sobrante, Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa. 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.

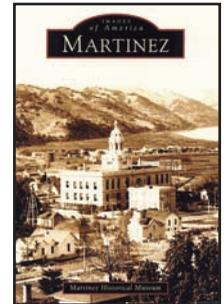
The Pinole, Hercules, Richmond, and El Sobrante books retail for **\$24**, including 8.75% sales tax. The Crockett, Rodeo, Martinez, and Port Costa books are **\$22**, including 8.75% sales tax.

Or, you may order one or more by mail and

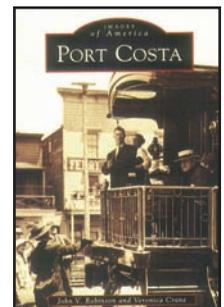
we'll ship them to you. Send your order to **Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564**.

The prices, including 8.75% sales tax and postage are:

- Pinole:** \$27
- Hercules:** \$27
- Richmond:** \$27
- El Sobrante:** \$27
- Crockett:** \$25
- Rodeo:** \$25
- Martinez:** \$25
- Port Costa:** \$25



Martinez



Port Costa

Name _____

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City _____ State ____ Zip _____

of Pinole books @ \$27 (book, sales tax, postage) ____

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of Crockett books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) ____

of Rodeo books @ \$25 (book, sales tax, postage) ____

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Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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

PINOLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 285, PINOLE, CA 94564

PINOLE POLICE COMMANDER MATT MESSIER IS LOOKING FOR PHOTOS OF THE CITY'S CONSTABLES FROM THE LATE 1800S AND EARLY 1900S. PLEASE CONTACT HIM AT 724-8946 IF YOU CAN HELP.

EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY SELLING SALLY RAND POSTERS AND CARDS



Did you know that 20th century fan dancer Sally Rand had an historical connection to El Cerrito?

Ms. Rand was a burlesque dancer most noted for her ostrich-feather fan dance and balloon bubble dance from the 1920s through 1970s (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sally_Rand).

Ms. Rand also had a club in El Cerrito at 204 San Pablo Avenue, which would have been located between present-day Wells Fargo Bank and Macaroni Grill.

The El Cerrito Historical Society is selling Sally Rand posters, postcards, and greeting cards featuring an image of Ms. Rand performing in her El Cerrito club.

The original poster was professionally digitized at Berkeley Giclee, so the quality is as good as the original.

Prices are:

- Postcards: 10 for \$10
- Greeting cards with envelopes: 10 for \$15
- Posters appropriate for framing: starting at \$20.

To order your bit of El Cerrito history, send an e-mail to jsbayat1@comcast.net. All proceeds benefit the El Cerrito Historical Society.

ROSIE THE RIVETER/WWII HOME FRONT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK IN RICHMOND SEEKS DOCENTS

Rosie the Riveter WWII/Home Front
National Historical Park

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



Volunteer

to be a National Park

Docent

Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park, a unit of the National Park Service in Richmond, CA, seeks volunteer docents to assist with operations at our new Visitor Education Center, scheduled to open in May 2012. We are looking for people 18 years old or older, with a passion for history, education, and public service (or a willingness to learn!), who can make an ongoing minimum commitment to volunteer at least 8 hours per month.

Each volunteer docent will be required to complete a series of training sessions led by NPS staff, prior to commencement of responsibilities. Volunteers must be available to attend one date of each training unit listed below:



- ★ Training Unit #1 *Introduction to the National Park Service and our park:*
Saturday, March 31, 2012, or Friday, April 6, 2012, 9 AM-1 PM
- ★ Training Unit #2 *Tour-giving tips:*
Saturday, April 14, 2012, or Friday, April 20, 2012, 9 AM- 1 PM
- ★ Training Unit #3 *Visitor Center operations and customer service:*
Saturday, April 28, 2012, or Friday, May 4, 2012, 9 AM-1 PM

To reserve your spot in our training program, or for more information, please contact Lucien Sonder at lucien_sonder@nps.gov, or 510 232 5050 x. 6622. If you cannot attend any of the above dates, but are interested in future training opportunities, please let us know.



ROSIE THE RIVETER
World War II Home Front
National Historical Park
Visitor Center



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Help us preserve Pinole's history through:

- Exhibits at the Pinole Library
- Pinole history programs in schools
- Pinole Community TV programs
- Walking tours of downtown Pinole
- Veterans' Day event in Fernandez Park
- A proposed municipal museum

Annual memberships are only \$30

Please mail the membership application today!

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2012 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 2012 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: _____