



# Pinole **Historical** Society

## E-News

### NEW LIBRARY EXHIBIT HONORS ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

**S**even Pinole students were grand-prize winners in the third annual Pinole Historical Society Essay Contest.

This year's assignment for students in the seven Pinole schools (Collins, Ellerhorst, Shannon, and Stewart

elementary schools; Pinole Middle School, Pinole Valley High School, and St. Joseph Catholic School) was to prepare an essay about Pinole's history or their family's history. Students could use resources at the library, at school, on the Internet, or in their homes.

Collins, Shannon, and St. Josephs students participated. Pinole Mayor Roy Swearingen, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Mechanics



The new library exhibit honoring our 2011 essay-contest winners.

Bank Edward M. Downer III, and Pinole Historical Society President Marcia Kalapus, among others, honored them on June 7 in assemblies and classroom presentations.

The grand-prize winners were:

• **Collins:**  
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Holloway (3rd grade) and Aryanna Davis (6th grade)

• **Shannon:** America Munoz (3rd grade) and Jorge Garcia (5th grade)

• **St. Joseph:** Nicholas Fay (3rd grade), Chloe Dichoso (6th grade), and Haley Torretta (8th grade).

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**St. Joseph Catholic School winners.**

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The grand-prize winners received a \$50 savings bond from Mechanics Bank and a copy of *Images of America: Pinole*, the book written by the Pinole Historical Society in 2009.

On July 1, members of the PHS installed an exhibit honoring the students who participated in the contest. Photos of the participants, and the essays of the grand-prize winners, are on display.

Also part of the exhibit are two pieces of art created by students in Julie Willis's special education class at Collins. These students cannot read, but they are talented artists. This year they made art depicting the school bell that was at the old Pinole-Hercules School #2, the School on the Hill. The district moved the bell to a storage closet at Collins. The PHS hopes one day it will be on public display.

The library exhibit will run through the end of September. Library hours are Monday (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), Wednesday (2 to 8 p.m.), Friday (Noon to 5 p.m.), and Saturday (Noon to 5 p.m.).

Here is the complete list of contest winners:

### **COLLINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Jordan Goularte, 3rd grade; Zachary Holloway, 3rd grade; Saloni Goswami, 5th grade; Jessica Nhan, 5th grade; Ferin Graham, 6th grade; Aryanna Davis, 6th grade; Renee Ellis (late entry, not sure of grade)

**Collins special education class:** Jaliah Allen, Keiry Banda, Hazel Baron, Sierra Jackson, Justin Keomanee, Emily Lonis, Lajanee Manuel, Kimberly Moa, Korinn Phillips, Felicity Tuason, and Jordan Washington.

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## SHANNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Alexis Gerk, 1st grade; Isaac Castaneda, 1st grade; Evelyn Romo, 2nd grade; Matteo Castaneda, 2nd grade; Leda Pho-Thai, 3rd grade; America Munoz, 3rd grade; Brian Silva, 4th grade; Esmeralda Topete, 5th grade; Jorge Garcia, 5th grade; Kyle Chew-Minor, 6th grade.

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Madison Laxamana, 2nd grade; Nicholas Fay, 3rd grade; Mary Perez, 4th grade; Cynthia Savage, 5th grade; Chloe Dichoso, 6th grade; Madalyn Pahati, 7th grade; Haley Torretta, 8th grade.

West County Times columnist Chris Treadway has posted the seven grand-prize winning essays on his blog: [www.ibabuzz.com/westcounty/2011/06/27/winning-student-entries-in-the-pinole-historical-society-essay-contest/](http://www.ibabuzz.com/westcounty/2011/06/27/winning-student-entries-in-the-pinole-historical-society-essay-contest/)



Collins Elementary School winners.



Collins special education class. Teacher Julie Willis is at rear left, in pink sweater. Principal Anne Shin is at far left.



Shannon Elementary School winner (front) America Munoz. (L-R): Vicki Martinez, Pinole Historical Society; Mechanics Bank Chairman Emeritus Edward M. Downer III; Jo Ann Gannotti, Pinole Historical Society; and Pinole Mayor Roy Swearingen.

Shannon Elementary School winner Jorge Garcia with (L-R): Mechanics Bank Chairman Emeritus Edward M. Downer III, Pinole Mayor Roy Swearingen, and Jo Ann Gannotti, Pinole Historical Society.



# PHS SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING TO FEATURE PROGRAM ON ROSIE THE RIVETER/WORLD WAR II PARK

**N**ational Park Ranger and Outreach Specialist Lucien Sonder will present a talk and sideshow about the historical significance of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond at the Pinole Historical Society on Thursday, September 15.

The park preserves and interprets the stories and places of our nation's home front response to World War II.

The meeting will be held in the Alex Clark Community Room of the Pinole Public Safety Facility, 880 Tennent Avenue, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Ranger Sonder will review the major themes and land-



marks of the park, including the SS Red Oak Victory Ship, which was built in the Richmond Shipyards in 1944, the

1931 Ford Assembly Building, which was converted to assemble tanks and jeeps during World War II, the Rosie the Riveter Memorial, dedicated in 2000 as a monument to the women who worked on the home front, and the Maritime Child Development Center, which served the children of shipyard workers.

Ranger Sonder holds a master's degree in historic preservation from Columbia University.

For information on the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park, visit [www.nps.gov/rori](http://www.nps.gov/rori).

## *On Pinole Community TV*

## PHS will sponsor Pinole Valley High School football

**T**he Pinole Historical Society Board of Directors has voted to purchase a \$1,000 full-season advertising package on Pinole Community TV to sponsor Pinole Valley High School football game telecasts.

The season package guarantees PHS several announce-

ments during each game. The board views this as a great opportunity to publicize our events and programs, support the high school, and support Pinole Community TV.

As you may know, Pinole Community TV is now a stand-alone, Enterprise Fund, meaning the station must raise

money for its broadcasts. More advertisers means more programming for people in our community.

Recognizing the importance of the TV station to the community, the PHS looks at this as an investment in the society and in Pinole.

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# PinoleHistoricalSociety

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## Pinole **Historical** Society

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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## 2011 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 2011 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: \_\_\_\_\_