

Pinole Historical Society Newsbriefs



Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564

BY-LAWS COMING SOON TO ALL PHS MEMBERS

All PHS members will soon be getting via e-mail (or if we don't have your e-mail address, by slow mail) a copy of the Pinole Historical Society's by-laws, written in 1974, but apparently never formally adopted.

They served well for "kitchen-table" business meetings, but we are embarking on a serious, "big-time" venture — that of establishing a MUSEUM.

Formalities must be met. All this will take time, work, money, and lots of volunteer participation.

The present board is newly reconstituted, and committed to becoming a legally competent and capable historical entity.

Want to be a part of it? Or just go along for the ride?

Either way, you can have a say (besides a "pay to the order of") by reviewing the by-laws, making constructive suggestions, and even



attending the next **Quarterly General Membership Meeting on February 21 in the Alex Clark Room at 6:30 p.m.**

The big Annual Meeting is on May 22. By then we expect to be up to date in many respects, including registration with the Secretary of State; formally adopt by-laws; have liability insurance for meetings, directors and officers insurance coverage, a realistic budget, and a program for the future.

Respond to PHS President Marcia Kalapus, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564, or e-mail her at stanmar@comcast.net, and let us know if you will attend the February 21 meeting.

CAN'T STAY AWAY FROM BROOKSIDE

Retired from Brookside Hospital staff after 37 years, PHS President **Marcia Kalapus** was back there in January as a "guest." Not for long, she says, but at-home recuperation may take a while. We all hope for a speedy recovery as her dynamism is missed! Vice President **George Vincent** has been the "back-up."

JUST WHAT DOES 'INTERIM' MEAN?

OK, so why not respond to the "Interim Secretary"?

Because the "agreed Interim" will end — no later than the May general meeting, he says — and we are now searching vigorously for an energetic, enthusiastic, and computer-literate volunteer!

Jack Meehan filled in when several vacancies occurred back in October 2007 and there were no "back-ups." For that matter, it's always good to have back-up wannabes for board and committee posts. Are you among that number?

WHAT ABOUT THE MUSEUM DEAL FOR THE FARIA HOUSE?

As you have read, the PHS wasn't ready to enter into a long-term contract with the city. No board. No by-laws. No insurance. No budget. No fund-raising plan. Just faith, hope, and enthusiasm, which don't pay bills and can't sign contracts.

That leads right to the next topic — **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!** We urge you to consider a donation in addition to an **Annual Membership** (\$20/person), a **Life Membership** (\$150/person), **Annual Business Membership** (new — \$50 each). **Sustaining Memberships** are gratefully accepted for \$500 or more. Memberships are for the current calendar year and until the 2009 drive.

LOIS BOYLE HONORED BY ROTARY

Lois Boyle, our museum curator-designee, was honored recently by the Rotary Club of Pinole for her outstanding community service over the years, namely her work to preserve the Red Oak Victory, a WWII victory ship built in Richmond; the Richmond Museum; and her efforts to establish a Pinole museum.

PHS members proudly congratulate you, Lois!



Pinole Historical Society 2008 Membership

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