

West Sacramento Historical Society Newsletter

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New Officers for 2007 Elected- Committees to be Appointed!

Special points of interest:

- ⇒ NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2007
- ⇒ FINANCIAL REPORTS AVAILABLE
- ⇒ EXHIBIT FEEDBACK REQUESTED
- ⇒ NEW HISTORICAL BOOK DUE OUT
- ⇒ FUNDRAISING EVENTS PLANNED
- ⇒ MEMBERSHIP NEWS
- ⇒ MORE WOMEN' ISSUES SPEAKERS
- ⇒ DISCUSSION GROUPS PLANNED FOR WOMEN' EXHIBIT

Visit the WSHS Museum to see who this celebrated woman was and how she contributed to the history of the Riverbank (Bryte), Washington (Broderick) and West Sacramento areas.



On Sunday, February 18, 2007, the 'tallymen' committee composed of two WSHS members opened all returned ballots to determine the elected officers for the 2007 year. Beginning by cross checking the return addresses of the envelopes to verify if the person voting was a paid up WSHS member, the committee (actually two tally women) then proceeding to count the votes for the individual candidates. Also, tallied were any "write in" names, however, the majority of the votes went to the names printed on the ballot.

Elected were Thom Lewis for President, Jim Brewer for 2nd Vice President, Cecilia Vasquez for Treasurer and Junia Potter for Secretary. Other positions such as Member at Large and WSHS Chair will be appointed—see back page for all officers' contact information.

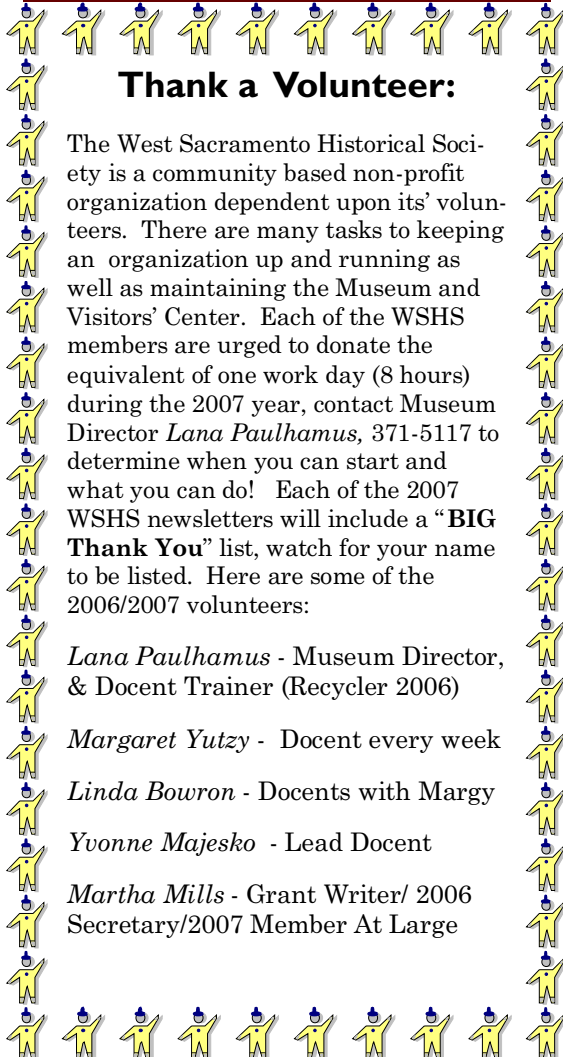
Congratulations to the new and continuing members of the 2007 WSHS executive board who will provide leadership for the West Sacramento Historical Society. There are many challenges ahead and the membership looks forward to helping the elected officers work through the many challenges. Some of the upcoming events include a retreat for the officers, more fundraising projects including a Capital Campaign as well as new exhibits at the West Sacramento Museum and Visitors Center in Broderick.

The current exhibit "Celebrating the Lives of West Sacramento Women" is being extended throughout the summer—come and see the movers and shakers of our community!

Thank a Volunteer:

The West Sacramento Historical Society is a community based non-profit organization dependent upon its' volunteers. There are many tasks to keeping an organization up and running as well as maintaining the Museum and Visitors' Center. Each of the WSHS members are urged to donate the equivalent of one work day (8 hours) during the 2007 year, contact Museum Director *Lana Paulhamus*, 371-5117 to determine when you can start and what you can do! Each of the 2007 WSHS newsletters will include a "BIG Thank You" list, watch for your name to be listed. Here are some of the 2006/2007 volunteers:

- Lana Paulhamus* - Museum Director, & Docent Trainer (Recycler 2006)
- Margaret Yutzy* - Docent every week
- Linda Bowron* - Docents with Margy
- Yvonne Majesko* - Lead Docent
- Martha Mills* - Grant Writer/ 2006 Secretary/2007 Member At Large



People Making News!



Left—Longtime WSHS member John Ohlson honored by the Sacramento Book Collectors Club shown with Louisa Vessell, newly installed President.



Right— Theresamary Johnson, OWL speaker being thanked by Director Lana Paulhamus.

"LIZZIE" Progress Report



Bryte Volunteer Fire Department, 1935 Volunteer built Fire Apparatus known as Lizzie in the San Pedro Festival Parade, Ca 1960.



Lizzie prior to transportation by Sierra Hart Towing to Solano State Corrections and Vocational Center in 2004.



Renovation progress of Lizzie at Solano, 2006. Expected return date to WSHS January 2007. Lizzie will be the last Vocational Center project. Photo by state corrections staff.

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendar:

March 13—5:30 pm Executive Board (Officers and appointed Committee Chairs) meeting—members are welcomed .

March 20—6:30 pm Discussion Group for all families/friends who contributed to "Celebrating WS Women" exhibit.

March 25—2:00 pm Ms. Jean Canary, Davis League of Women Voters will speak, refreshments will be served.

April 10—5:30 pm Executive Board (Officers and appointed Committee Chairs) meeting, members are welcomed.

April 17—6:30 pm Discussion Group for all families/friends who contributed to "Celebrating WS Women" exhibit.

SAVE THE MORNING (7 AM—12 NOON) OF MAY 19, 2007 FOR A GREAT WSHS BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER FOR THE FIRE APPARATUS COMMITTEE. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE VFW HALL AT 905 DREVER ST. WEST SACRAMENTO. JUNIA POTTER AND JOAN WASHBURN ARE COORDINATING THE EVENT AND ASKING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO VOLUNTEER. KATHY PERRIGO NEEDS ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLE AND IS SELLING BREAKFAST TICKETS—CALL HER AT 372-5518.

Reports from WSHS Committees

Report from Charlotte Dorsey, Web services:

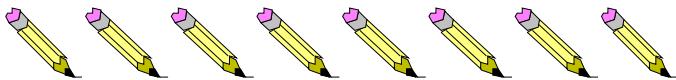
The WSHS website attracted 3, 274 visitors during the past 12 months, an average of 8 people a day checking out what was going on with WS Historical Society and Museum. Many of these visitors are connecting from other states such as Texas, Florida, Virginia, New York, Missouri, Washington, Nebraska, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and even Ontario, Canada.

WSHS Oral History Preservation Project—Jim Brewer.

The City of West Sacramento has awarded a mini grant of \$2600.00 to expand our work in collecting/preserving the history of West Sacramento in audio/visual formats. An evaluation of most appropriate equipment is underway. Three WSHS members (Mickey Fausett, Roger Somsen and Jim Brewer) are currently enrolled in a UC Davis class on “Oral History Methods” that teaches how to plan, conduct and preserve oral history. Equipped with these best practices, the prospects for having good outcomes from our efforts are just that much better.

Report from Museum Director Lana Paulhamus:

- ◆ The WSHS Museum had a very successful second year and celebrated its’ birthday with an Open House on Feb. 25, 2007. Two very delicious cakes were provided as well as fruit, cheese and other treats donated by the committee composed of Joan Washburn, Junia Potter and Kathy Perrigo.
- ◆ During 2006, volunteer docents gave 1,694 hours working at the Museum. If they had been paid minimum wage, this would have cost \$12,705 — what a donation to WSHS!
- ◆ Visitor attendance verified by the sign-in book was 1, 212 people during 2006.
- ◆ A large collection of family photos from lifetime resident P.A. Hart are being digitized by Mickey Fausett for the Museum archives.
- ◆ Newsletter editor Sharon Freitas has volunteered to mail each of the contributors to the Women’s exhibit a copy of the page in the Memory Book describing their honored woman. Three evenings are scheduled when additional information, additions, etc. can be brought to the Museum and discussions about this project held.



2006 Exhibit Committee Expenses:

Beginning 2006 Balance		\$11,279.28
Sac. Northern Railroad	-\$1,922.03	
Sutter Club	-138.66	
Museum Rack cards	-349.24	
Donner Party	-266.71	
Women’s Exhibit	<u>-2,915.76</u>	
Total 2006 Expenses	\$5,592.40	

On Hand 2007 Balance
\$5,686.88

The WSHS is very fortunate to have Thom Lewis and Jeri Hughes-Wingfield who spent countless volunteer hours preparing and installing the many museum’s exhibits listed above. Thank you from the WSHS membership!



OWL – Older Women’s League Representative
Theresamary Johnson spoke to WSHS members about the many activities of this political-aware organization. She shared insights about working at the State Capitol and how women can help with developing solutions for crisis such as health coverage programs, social security issues, etc. Her survival techniques include the following:

Believe	while others are doubting.
Plan	while others are playing.
Study	while others are sleeping.
Decide	while others are delaying.
Prepare	while others are daydreaming.
Begin	while others are procrastinating.
Work	while others are wishing.
Save	while others are wasting.
Listen	while others are talking.
Smile	while others are pouting.
Prioritize	while others are feeling over whelmed.

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All WSHS newsletters are posted
in color on the website—see
“What’s New” at
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If there is a STAR near your mailing label, that indicates that the fee for a membership in the West Sacramento Historical Society is due. Individual dues are \$17.50 or \$22.50 for a couple; with a senior and/or student discount, the cost is \$11.50 for an individual and \$16.50 for a couple, Mail in your check and renew today!

Listed below are the elected 2007 officers and appointed committee chairs for the 2007 year. Additional appointments will be made at the next Board meeting so watch for an update in future newsletters.

2007 WSHS Board/Officers & Committee Chairs

President – Thom Lewis
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Lana Paulhamus (lpaulhamus@earthlink.net)
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2nd Vice President—Jim Brewer phone
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Recycling Project—Mickey Fausett phone
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**Celebrating West Sacramento Women
exhibit extended through summer -
Women currently included are:**

Helen Baranoff, Lorene Hurley Brandon, Katherine Donohue Cheever, Mary Lukins Conrad, Erleen Carrico Culver, Floy Jeanette Blythe Gleason, Bernadine “Dee” Geoffrey Gorman, Helena Cannon Helmold, Jewell Hensley, Jennie Warden Hughes, Louise Bingaman Hughes, Yoshie Takagi Iwasaki, Bertha “Birdie” Lee, Juanita O’Connor Lopez, Natividad Nat Lopez, Cecilia Lowe, Mattie Moore Manchester, Margaret Piles McDowell, Phoebe Wells McGowan, Thelma McCann Needham, Lillian Barratt Newton, Alyce Norman, Erma Schneider O’Hara, Grace Kneeder Ohlson, Virginia “Dottie” Long Ortiz, Luisa Cappello Palamidessi, Augusta “Nita” Pinto Perini, Kathy Augster Perrigo, Melba Rose “Chickie” Pfyffer Queener, Emma Alvarez Rodriguez, Graciela Padilla Ramirez, Denice Ann Donke Seals, Virginia Shepherdson Seamons, Betty Fairbairn Sokolich, Alma Bernabovi Soost, Dorothy Parkison Sornsen, Cindy Lou Smith Tuttle, Louise Verasoff Vessell, Marjorie Evelyn Walker and Adell Bartenshaw Washburn.