

President's Message

Dan DeFoe



Have days turned to hours and hours to minutes? It seemed the old year had barely reached adolescence before the abrupt nascency of the new year, 2014. lest time escapes us entirely let us review the busy and successful past and look forward to the future.

I want to begin by pointing to that which is in front of you now--the Quarry Quarterly.

Editor Gary Day with the help of many contributors have made this publication into one of the premier historical society newsletters in California. And speaking of excellence, 2013 saw the Chapel at old St Mary's on historical Front Street become northern California's prem-



President Dan DeFoe

ier wedding destination. In 2014 the bell will be ringing even more often all due to our outstanding St Mary's team who work so hard to make every celebration possible.

St Mary's beautiful patio also served as the venue for three outdoor jazz events, fundraisers for rebuilding Rocklin's first firehouse in Heritage Park, a project we hope to complete in 2014. Old St. Mary's serves as a shining example of the Rocklin His-

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Priest shares memories of historic church

Gloria Beverage

When Father Michael Dillon arrived in Rocklin on May 1, 1981, he was welcomed by a community eager to once again have their own parish.

Rocklin's first Catholic Church was built on Front Street on an oak-framed lot donated by John Bolton, an Irish land developer who made his fortune in the Nevada silver mines. On Aug. 13, 1883, Archbishop Joseph Alemany traveled from San Francisco to preside over the newly-constructed church's dedication ceremonies. St. Mary's Catholic Church served the community until 1933 when a declining granite industry and economic down-

turn resulted in its closure. In 1946, St. Mary's reopened for Sunday Masses as a satellite of St. Rose's Catholic Church in Roseville. With the arrival of Father Dillon, a new parish was formed to serve Catholics living in Rocklin, Loomis

and Penryn.

As Father Dillon quickly discovered, however, his new church had its share of challenges.

On his first day at St. Mary's, Father Dillon presided over a Baptism in the afternoon and then said Mass at 5 p.m.

"It was very hot. There was no air conditioning (in the church) so I opened the door at the back of the church," he recalled. "Just outside the church was a large oak tree where about six horses took shelter."

Unfortunately, the horses also attracted horse flies, which drifted into the building -- buzz-

ing around the interior and annoying the congregation.

"That was the last time I opened the doors during services," he said.

By the following month, the size of the congregation had outgrown the

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Saint Mary's of the Assumption Church before it was moved. See the restored church on Page 4.

Don't miss these Rocklin History Series presentations at the Old Saint Mary's Chapel on Front Street!

Sunday, January 26, 2 pm: *Rocklin's Sesquicentennial, Our City's Beginnings*, with Sierra College History Professor Dan De Foe

Sunday, February 16, 2 pm: *The Chinese Must Go and the Chinese Expulsions of 1877* with Sierra College History Professor Dan De Foe

Sunday, March 16, 2 pm: *Memories of Old Saint Mary's Chapel*, with Fr. Michael Dillon

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President

torical Society's commitment to the preservation and restoration of our heritage.

To that end, thanks to the generosity of an RHS member, an eleventh-hour proposal has been submitted to the city of Rocklin and the state Department of Finance regarding the Capital Quarry (Big Gun). The proposal is a counter to the "property management plan" currently under review.

If accepted by the DOF and the city the proposal would maximize preservation and restoration of the site. Members of the RHS met with city manager Rick Horst in November and, though contingent upon the DOF's recommendation, Horst responded "it is clear and evident that the Society has given much thought and consideration to the potential preservation of the Big Gun Quarry site."

The RHS also applauds the city for recent impressive efforts to uncover the service bays of the original Rocklin Roundhouse.

In 2014 Rocklin will observe the anniversary of its birth on an 1864 Central Pacific Railroad time card. A sesquicentennial worth celebrating!

More tragically but of greater historical consequence 2014 also marks the centennial of the great fire that destroyed much of Rocklin's original downtown. It was also one hundred years ago that saw the infamous Holmes-Renaldi shootout.

As a result of the gunplay Marshal Sam Renaldi became the first Rocklin police officer to fall in the line of duty.

The Rocklin Historical Society looks forward to working with the city and the whole community preserving, restoring and celebrating the history and heritage of Rocklin, California.



On December 7, 2013 about 3,600 revelers bundled themselves against the night chill and celebrated at Rocklin's annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony near the granite Barudoni Building (on the right) and the Old Saint Mary's Chapel on Front Street. Photo, David Baker

Help preserve Rocklin's history and support history-related arts projects.



The Rocklin Heritage Fund at the Placer Community Foundation supports the Rocklin Historical Society

Now it is possible to make tax-deductible gifts and perpetual endowments that will

support Rocklin Historical Society programs including both visual and performing arts related to Rocklin's heritage.

Please contact Veronica Blake at 530-885-4920 to learn how you can contribute, or go to www.placercf.org.

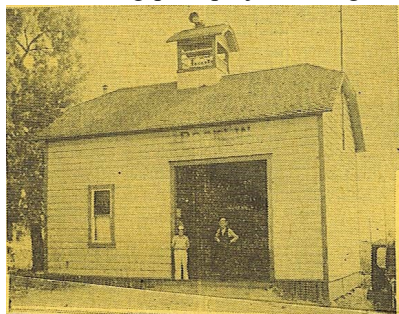


Local giving. Lasting value.

about Old Town Rocklin

Gene Johnson

Rocklin 3rd graders are collecting money to build a full size replica of Rocklin's 1893 fire house. Recently Mike Bouchard, president of MJB Builders and a leader with the RRUFF dog park project, energized



Rocklin's first fire house was demolished in the early 1940s

the fire house project with a preliminary drawing of the structure.

Expect groundbreaking some time in 2014 if we can get a little more help. Call me at 624-2378 if you are interested.

The city completed beautification of Rocklin's roundhouse site just in time for the December 7, Old Town Christmas Tree Lighting at the nearby Old Saint Mary's Chapel. RHS provided authentic nineteenth century railroad track for the roundhouse's service bays.

I also soothed an archeologist and a history professional who questioned roundhouse site excavation procedures and asked if the disturbed soil was being sifted for artifacts. I informed them that I had sifted some of the material and found nothing other than dirt.

One evening I found a man working alone at the site with a jack hammer. He was preparing a solid concrete section of one damaged service bay to replace a missing section of another – like a dental transplant. His day job: a Granite Bay dental technician.

Wal-Mart's big box store opened at Rocklin Crossings. Store Manager Jenn Newman met with us and Mayor Ruslin at Old Saint Mary's Chapel. Jenn was interested in our projects and arranged for Wal-Mart donations of \$400 for the tree light-

ing and \$500 for the firehouse project.

Dutch Brothers Coffee drive thru is open for business. Dutch Brothers helped increase the tree lighting crowd by allowing the tree lighting sign on their corner.

The Barudoni Building's gate showroom, art display and wine tasting venue on Front Street is open 11 am to 3 pm on weekends - good wine and conversation with owner Tom Farinha.

The Rocklin Road roundabouts are essentially complete and sort of fun. The rusty metal "ROCKLIN" sign of the first roundabout and the granite mining clamshell topping the second are fitting introductions to our historic old town.

Old Town Christmas Tree Lighting continued as a unique and popular Rocklin event. Kids love it. And where else in Rocklin will you find so many Rocklin organizations feeding and entertaining the community. Notable attractions included the Whitney marching band, caroling, bouncing, wine tasting, and a speech by Vice Mayor Scott Yuill. The parade went off well, with all vehicles headed in the same direction, unlike in previous years. RHS volunteers did a great job of welcoming folks to the Old Saint Mary's Chapel.

We Received a nice e-mail from Rocklin Economic Growth Manager, Karen Garner, saying the tree lighting motivated channel 40 to broadcast an interview with her about Old Town Rocklin improvement projects.

We recently toured notable sites in Rocklin with Dan Visnich, the executive secretary of the Capitol Historical Commission. With the concurrence of the commission, Dan sent a letter to the Dept. of Finance recommending that the Big Gun heritage area, the area fronting Pacific which includes the granite processing sheds, remain in the public domain.

We hope that the DOF will allow transfer of that site to the city and that the city will then designate the property for governmental use rather than encourage its use for commer-

cial development. Perhaps the roundhouse beautification and the granite mining theme of the Rocklin Road roundabouts will move the council to think positively about making use of the heritage area as a granite processing interpretive area. The DOF response will probably come early in January.

The doorway of what we called the city's administrative building on Rocklin Road across from the Rocklin History Museum is emblazoned with a new sign reading "City Hall". The granite building next door to the newly designated city hall is labeled "Historic City Hall". That granite building was the company store for Adolf Pernu's California Granite Company at the turn of the last century.

We invited members of the Community Covenant Church on Topaz to the Old Saint Mary's Chapel for cookies, and said thank you for the use of their church bell. Nancy Lohse, Patrice Cardott, and RHS President DeFoe encouraged the



The California Granite Company's Store, is now Rocklin's Historic City Hall

group to ring their bell. And ring it they did.

MAKE HISTORY AT OLD ST. MARY'S CHAPEL

Nancy Lohse

Build in 1883, Old St. Mary's Chapel has been the site of hundreds of weddings through the years. In 2013, 37 couples proudly walked down the aisle and paused to ring the steeple bell three times before leaving to start their happily married life. 2014 is looking to be another busy time for that beautiful bell. If you visit our website, you can see why. The peaceful serenity of the chapel is a big draw for future couples as is the beautiful patio and landscaping. I love to see the reaction on the faces of the visitors when they see the chapel for the first time. They often comment on how great it looks online but when they walk through the doors, they are amazed. One couple came for a visit while the chapel was decorated for the tree lighting. The bride took two steps in the door and declared, "This is it!"

It amazes me how each wedding is so different. One couple decorated with potted shrubs that they took home after the ceremony to plant at their new



Old Saint Mary's at Christmas 2013, photo David Baker

home. Another bride wore her deceased father's cowboy boots to feel close to him at her wedding. Instead of the usual candle lighting ceremony, another couple planted a small tree in a beautiful pot. Many use the patio for a reception. Some are complete catered affairs with covered tables, great food and music. Others are simpler with a beautiful wedding cake and champagne toasts. One creative bride turned the entire patio into a vintage parlor complete with sofas, chairs, and lamps. Such creativity!

Old St. Mary's was also the site of four celebrations of life in 2013. It's such a perfect spot to honor our love one's that have passed.

Call to set up a private tour for your special day!

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Do you want to join the Fixers?

Robert Mart

Who are "The Fixers?"

We're an energetic, group of volunteers from the Rocklin Historical Society who carry out various maintenance projects at the Old St. Mary's Chapel and the Rocklin History Museum. Scheduled "Fixer" work days are the



first & third Tuesday of every month. Some of us meet for breakfast on work days at 7:30 am in the Oracle cafeteria, corner of

Sunset and West Stanford Ranch Road.

We paint, saw, plumb, dig, sweep, clean, and share jokes and stories.

We would appreciate your help for whatever amount of time you can spare, a couple of hours, a half day, or maybe occasionally a full day.

Like all of us, the society's two historic buildings are getting older. They both need frequent maintenance.

What will you be doing on the first or third Tuesdays in 2014? Put "The Fixers" on your calendar. Give us a chance to show you how you can help. Meet us at Oracle or at the Old Saint Mary's Chapel at 5251 Front Street at 9:30 AM on one of our work days for a little work, and a little fun!

If you have questions please contact me.

Bob Mart:

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martsplace@sbcglobal.net

Ever notice that anyone going slower than you is an idiot, but anyone going faster is a maniac?

George Carlin

A new display for the Rocklin History Museum

David Baker

In the early 1890s, newly invented pneumatic powered granite processing tools accelerated Rocklin's prominence as the major granite producing region of Northern California. One of these new tools was the pneumatic surfacing machine. It smoothed the granite blocks cut from the quarries, preparing them for polishing if necessary.

As Rocklin's granite quarry operations closed during the twentieth century, Rocklin Historical Society President Emeritus and former quarry operator Roy Ruhkala set aside



Former quarry operator Roy Ruhkala provided the expertise to restore the 100+ year old pneumatic surfacing machine which had been stored at his home for about 60 years.

two of these machines, stashing them in his backyard among a collection of other antique tools. In August this year, Roy, Gene Johnson and I cleaned 60 years of rust and back yard residue from one of the surfacing machines and put it on display in the granite processing display area near the shed behind the Rocklin History Museum.



The trolley-mounted pneumatic granite surfacing machine.

A pneumatic hammer mounted on a moveable arm pulverized the surface of granite blocks. The final surface, would be relatively smooth but not polished. Polishing could be the next step depending on what the stone was to be used for. With the development later of special saws for cutting stone, surfacing machines became unnecessary.

The pictured machine was only one of several pneumatic tool innovations that accelerated Rocklin's prominence as a source of granite for curb stone, building stone and monuments at the turn of the last century.

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tiny building so Sunday Masses were moved to the multipurpose room at Parker Whitney Elementary School.

The historic building continued to be used for Baptisms, wedding and funerals. The stairs at the front en-

What: Memories of Old St. Mary's Chapel

Who: Father Michael Dillon

When: 2 p.m., Sunday, March 16

Where: Old St. Mary's Chapel on Front Street

trance and the small entry often made it challenging for pall-bearers to bring caskets into the church, Father Dillon recalled.

As trains whistled through Rocklin, Father Dillon recalled, services would come to a halt until the train passed and the building stopped trembling.

Cables had been attached to the exterior of the building to help stabilize the aging building.

"Birds built nests in the eaves of the church," he continued. "Quite often they would crawl in between the roof and the walls. I used to have to open windows and doors to release the birds."

Over the next two years, Father Dillon started looking for a suitable

site for a new church and the congregation began fundraising. One Loomis resident, who had a large garden, would sell fresh vegetables after services and donate the proceeds to the building fund. Newspapers were collected by another church member in a very large, ugly drum kept on the side of the church, Father Dillon continued. In 1983, the congregation gathered for Christmas Eve services in the historic building. The following day, services were held in the new church building -- Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church on Granite Drive.

"We took a stone from the granite block foundation and used it as a cornerstone for the new church," he said.

In 1986, the building was sold to the Church of Religious Science, which conducted services there for 10 years. After the church disintegrated, the mortgage holder foreclosed and offered the property to the city. But the city refused the gift and the property was given to the Baptist church, which sold it in 2001.



When the new owner filed a request to demolish the building, the Rocklin Historical

Society got wind of the plans and began negotiations in 2005 to save the historic building. After an agreement was reached, the building was moved 1,000 feet north. Volunteers spent the next two years refurbishing and restoring the building -- making it the centerpiece of Heritage Park at the corner of Front Street and Rocklin Road.

"I was happy that the (Rocklin) Historical Society saved it," he said. "It was really the oldest building in town. They did a beautiful job of restoring it."

docents needed

Jean Sippola



The museum needs docents. If you can volunteer to be a Rocklin History

Museum docent please call me at

652-1034

Need a reason to celebrate?

Gene Johnson

Consider that our city's name first appeared in print 150 years ago when Rocklin was shown in a June 6, 1864 Central Pacific passenger train schedule as a stop between Junction, now Roseville, and Pino, now Loomis.

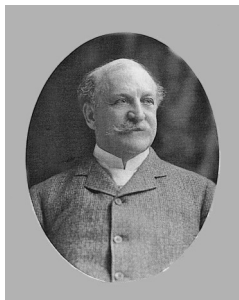
2014 also marks the 100th anniversary of two black marks on our history: the fire that destroyed most of Rocklin's Front Street business district and the Blackwell's Stable gunfight that killed Marshal Sam Renaldi and saloon owner U.S. Holmes. Renaldi was Rocklin's first peace officer to die on duty.

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Trains No. 2 and 3 east, and 1 and 3 west, daily, except Sunday.

Trains No. 1 east and 2 west, daily.

LELAND STANFORD, President.



Keeping Up With Joel Parker Whitney

A Study of His Personal Diaries and Writings

Whitney was the largest landowner in northern California, with more than 20,000 acres. He was instrumental in the development of this region in the period 1855-1913.

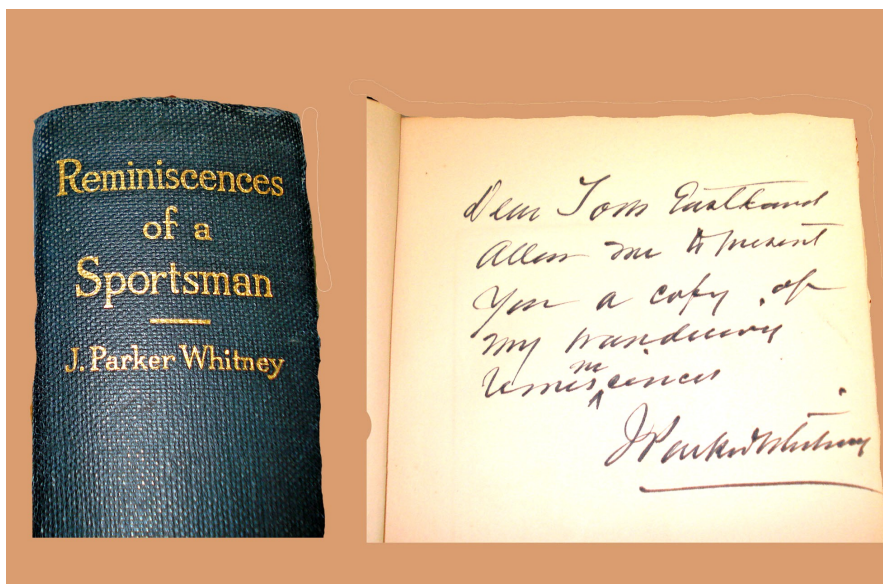
Bill Marble

Doing historical research is much like working on a jigsaw puzzle. One keeps on looking for that one piece to fill in a specific spot. Recently I was able to fill in a small "piece" that had been gnawing at the back of my mind for quite a while. About a year ago, when I decided to study the life of J. Parker Whitney, I searched the Internet for an original copy of his book,

historical documents on the Whitney family that Gary and Jean Day have compiled and I came upon a file

first took them to New York City and then up to the Whitney's beautiful home on Upper Richardson Lake

in Maine. I can only deduce that it must have been here that J. Parker Whitney gifted Tom Eastland with a copy of his book with a personalized inscription as shown above. Since this copy ultimately came into the hands of an antique dealer in Maine, I suspect strongly that Tom Eastland overlooked it when packing his things for his return to San Francisco and it remained in the house until the time came



Whitney's biographic and its dedication inscription

"Reminiscences of a Sportsman", which was published in 1906. I found a copy at an antique dealer located in Maine, not far from Whitney's home on Upper Richardson Lake. I purchased the copy and when I got it I saw that it was autographed by J. Parker and inscribed to a Mr. Tom Eastland. After transcribing four of J. Parker Whitney's diaries, I had encountered several hundred names of people he interacted with both professionally and socially, but I had not ever heard of Tom Eastland. I couldn't help but wonder who he was and what his relationship to J. Parker had been. Recently I was meandering through some of the thousands of pages of

marked "Beryl Whitney's Scrapbook-1906" and decided to peruse it. Lo and behold I came to a couple of articles from San Francisco's newspapers that solved my puzzle.



Tom Eastland

The articles about the marriage of San Francisco socialites Thomas Eastland and Helen Wagner describe a small but beautiful ceremony in the home of Helen's father, Joseph Wagner which was attended only by relatives and a few close friends. Following the ceremony and reception, the happy couple departed for a honeymoon trip that

when the home was sold and the remaining items were sold at their version of a "garage sale." While this story may seem trivial to most people, it resolves an issue that had been floating around in my head for several months. I wanted to know who Tom Eastland was and now I do.



**Helen Wagner
Eastland**



Rocklin's Roundhouse, 1867-1908

Gary Day

In 1862, during the Civil War, the United States Congress authorized Federal incentives for construction of a rail line to connect eastern population centers with California. In January 1863 the Central Pacific Railroad started laying rails eastward from Sacramento according to plans proposed by Chief Engineer Theodore Judah. Later that year the Union Pacific Railroad started laying rails westward from a point near Omaha, Nebraska. In 1869 the tracks met at Promontory Summit Utah, marking completion of the nation's first Transcontinental Railroad.

Judah's plan in 1863 was to build a roundhouse at Junction, now Roseville, to service the extra engines that would be needed to help trains surmount the Sierra. But Judah died that year and new CP managers decided to build the roundhouse at Rocklin instead, closer to the point where the rail bed steepens as it heads toward Auburn. Also, according to railroad historian G. J. Chris Graves, engines of the 1860s required new fuel and water at regular intervals and Rocklin was at a more appropriate distance from Sacramento for a train's first stop. The decision to build in Rocklin also reflected Rocklin's proximity to large stands of oak and pine. Each engine required 16 cords of firewood on its strain to the Sierra summit.

The Rocklin facility was located at the intersection of Front Street and

Granite (now Rocklin Road) east of today's Crossroads Church. It opened in May 1867. It included 25 engine stalls, a turntable and an 8,000 square foot woodshed.

The roundhouse's foundation and exterior walls were constructed of rock and masonry but early undated photos show significant wooden construction in the roofing and stalls.

In 1869 the woodshed burned and was quickly rebuilt.



Rocklin's Roundhouse serviced the extra engines needed for the 90 mile strain to the Sierra summit

In 1873 the roundhouse burned again as its roof was being tarred. The fire destroyed ten engines and damaged several coaches but the facility continued to function without interruption.

Rocklin's roundhouse was in service continually until 1905 when railroad management announced a major expansion. Townspeople were elated and Rocklin's property values soared as news came of a new and larger roundhouse for Rocklin and a new train station. But hopes were crushed in 1906 with news that Rocklin's roundhouse

would soon be closing in favor of new facilities in Roseville. Railroad managers had decided that Rocklin's residential development and the granite quarries to the east were driving up land values; land in Roseville was less expensive. By April 1908 the railroad had moved all roundhouse operations to Roseville and the Rocklin facility closed permanently.

In its heyday, just prior to its move to Roseville, Rocklin's roundhouse employed 300 people. The monthly payroll was \$25-30,000. A report from the time asserts that, from 1906 through 1908, Rocklin's population declined by 80% as roundhouse workers abandoned their homes or moved them to Roseville.

By 1912 Rocklin's abandoned roundhouse had become a dangerous eyesore and Rocklin's City Council required the railroad to demolish it.

But the city recently uncovered some of the long-buried service bays and beautified part of the sight with park-like hardscape and plantings. The original foundation, and parts of the original west-facing exterior rock wall are still visible near the Crossroads Church

Rocklin's historic downtown is a TV highlight.

In December, Fox40 News broadcast three segments about changes occurring in downtown Rocklin. Two of the segments included narratives by Rocklin's Public Affairs & Economic Growth Manager, Karen L. Garner. Karen later forwarded copies of the three segments to Rocklin Historical Society President Dan De Foe and other RHS members and thanked them for their help in providing background information for the segments. To view these segments go to page 8 of this newsletter on the Rocklin Historical Society's website and click on these URLs.

<http://video.fox40.com/A-Preview-of-Operation-Facelift-in-Rocklin-25456441?playlistId=11946>

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EBay assistance needed

A genuine work from home opportunity

The board of The Rocklin Historical Society is proposing to raise funds by continuously soliciting donations of used household items and marketing them on Ebay. The plan is to recruit a person to conduct this activity and possibly to compensate them with a percentage of the net proceeds. If you are interested in helping the society to raise funds in this way please contact Neil Davis at:

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woodturner@gmail.com
cell: 916.616-0923

Mark your calendar

January 26, 2014

2:00 pm at the Old Saint Mary's Chapel

\$10 admission at the door to benefit the reconstruction of Rocklin's original firehouse,

The Rocklin History Series continues.

Sierra College History professor Dan DeFoe discusses

Rocklin's Sesquicentennial, Our City's Beginnings

January 27, 2014

Springfield History Club monthly meeting

1 pm at the Springfield Gables

Free admission

Ted Berntsen on the History of Jazz.

For access to the Springfield Gables dial 631 at the Springfield gate then hit the "Call" key and the gate will open.

February 16, 2014

2:00 pm at the Old Saint Mary's Chapel

\$10 admission at the door to benefit the reconstruction of Rocklin's original firehouse,

The Rocklin History Series continues

Sierra College History Professor Dan Defoe, discusses *The Chinese Must Go* and the 1877 expulsion of Chinese people from Rocklin

February 24, 2014

Springfield History Club monthly meeting

1 pm at the Springfield Gables

Free admission

Don Perera on the History of the Pueblos of the Southwest

For access to the Springfield Gables dial 631 at the Springfield gate then hit the "Call" key and the gate will open.

March 16

2:00 pm at the Old Saint Mary's Chapel

\$10 admission at the door,

The Rocklin History Series continues

Fr. Michael Dillon on the history of the Old Saint Mary's Chapel

\$10.00 admission at the door.

March 24, 2014

Springfield History Club monthly meeting

1 pm at the Springfield Gables

Free admission

Lynette Schroedle on the *History of Quilting*.

For access to the Springfield Gables dial 631 at the Springfield gate then hit the "Call" key and the gate will open.

Also:

Rocklin Historical Society board meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 6 pm in the Old Saint Mary's Chapel annex. If you have comments or questions for the board of your historical society this is your chance. and

Rocklin Historical Society planning meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:30 am in the cafeteria at Oracle, corner of West Stanford Ranch Road and Sunset.

Dues for 2014 are due.

If the label on this newsletter's envelop shows 2013, your dues for 2014 are now due. Your dues support the Rocklin History museum and programs to entertain and educate Rocklin's citizens about Rocklin's history.

Please mail your \$20.00 dues for 2014 to:

**Rocklin Historical Society
P.O. Box 1
Rocklin California 95677**

A new membership in the historical society would add to the reach of this newsletter and make a great gift. Google the society's website for a membership application. The society is a 501-c3 non-profit organization. Donations are tax deductible in many cases. Check with your tax advisor.



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Please send me you email address!

Christy Barros

The Rocklin Historical Society uses email extensively for notifying members of upcoming events. If we don't have your correct email address you are not being so notified.

We use email addresses only for RHS purposes. So if you want to ensure that we have a correct email address for you please send a message to me at:

christy@inetinc.net

Also, RHS is expanding the email address file to include non-members who have an interest in Rocklin's history. If you know of such people please send their email addresses to me or ask them to send me a message and I'll add them to the list.

Scenes from the Rocklin Historical Society's 2013 Christmas Party

Photo's by Ronna Davis



Rocklin Historical Society co-founder and former granite quarry operator Roy Ruhkala (foreground) poses at the Christmas Party with his sister Margo Ruhkala Kantola and his daughter Bonnie Ruhkala Neumann. Roy is an advocate for preservation of Rocklin's granite mining artifacts and has donated several granite mining tools for display at the Rocklin History Museum.



Rocklin Historical Society members and their guests engaged in lively conversations as they sampled from the dessert buffet. The Christmas party is scheduled annually at the Rocklin History Museum as a replacement for the society's monthly General Meeting.

