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President's Message

I want to begin by thanking Joan Peterson and Cynthia Torres for planning our recent tour to the San Mateo County History Museum and the very pleasant lunch that followed at the Millagros Latin Kitchen. The Museum for anyone who hasn't been in downtown Redwood City lately is in the old San Mateo County Court House. The museum covers all the bases from Pioneering Patterns of Growth to San Mateo County History Makers and Entrepreneurs who changed the world.

Our Zoom meetings seem to be fizzling a little with meager attendance so I was thinking we should try to have a combination picnic/lunch and Club meeting someplace in or near the City. I am open to suggestions. Some options that have been presented are the Basque Cultural Center, Orange Park Picnic Area in South City, the Harding Park Golf Course Clubhouse Cafe, and a Golden Gate Park picnic area.

An item that we need to discuss very soon is the long postponed train trip to Carlsbad Caverns. How many of us are still interested? Those who planned to go are holding Amtrak Vouchers that will expire in December 2021. We have the option of going to Reno, Salt Lake City, or Denver. That train runs daily east and west every 24 hours. The time to plan is now while space is still available.

Our next Tour for August will be to the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose. Plan on the last Sunday of the month, Sunday August 29. If we have enough interest I will schedule a group tour. Lets me know if you would like to come. Please call Barry at 415-990-2974.

See you at the August Zoom meeting on Thursday August 12 at 7:30 pm.

Barry Kinney

Virtual Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Walter Caplan. Club President Barry Kinney is still in Oklahoma and is taking care of things around his property. Barry said he will be returning home shortly.

Four people attended the Zoom meeting.

Ralph is doing well and sold his Model A - and now misses it.

Don Barnes is planning to once again attend the Ironstone Concours in Murphys in late September.

Gary Kohl joined the meeting with his cat.

Walter stays busy with his two dogs.

Our July tour, rescheduled from June, will be to the San Mateo County History Museum, in the old County Courthouse in Redwood City, on Sunday July 25. A lunch will follow at a nearby restaurant with outdoor seating. Club members will receive an e-mail with details.

We spoke about the passing of club member Nell Richmond, and voted to donate \$ 250 in her memory to Muddville, a nonprofit in San Francisco that tends to older dogs, one of Nell's pet interests.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Caplan, for Joan Peterson, Secretary

San Mateo History Museum

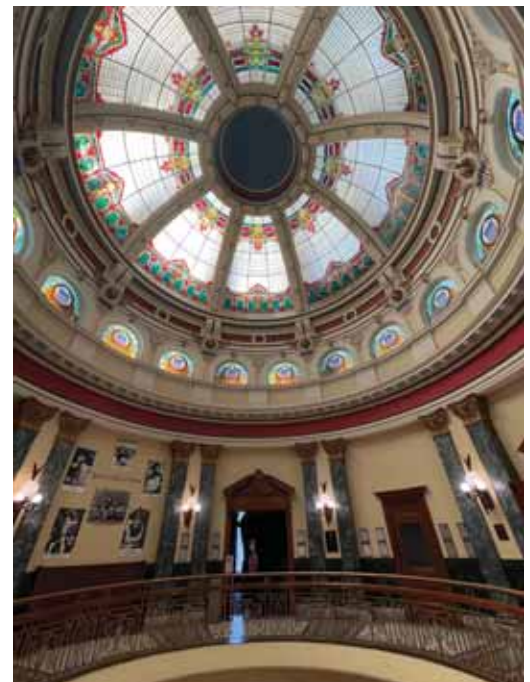
Our tour on Sunday July 25 to Redwood City and the San Mateo County History Museum reminded me that we are fortunate to have so many things to see and do within a short drive from the City. The History Museum is one of them. The focus of the museum is San Mateo County history, much of which old timers like myself consider rather recent. The museum displays cover the development of post war suburban communities as well as development of the rail and highway systems from the mid eighteen hundreds through the 1940's and 1950's. The upper floor Sports Hall features high school athletes and their coaches, some of whom were contemporaries of mine. Coach Madden of Oakland Raiders fame and others that were household names also appear. The section on History Makers features inventors and entrepreneurs who began the technology revolution that led to the Silicon Valley we see today. The architectural features of the old courthouse by themselves are worth the price of admission.

I want to again thank Joan Peterson and Cynthia Torres for planning this tour. The Millagros Latin Kitchen was a good choice for after tour dining. It was within walking distance of the Museum and has a very pleasant outdoor dining area. We had a nice group of nine people in attendance for lunch.

We met around 9:30 am on the Courthouse Plaza for coffee, muffins, and doughnuts courtesy of Walter Caplan, Joe and Kathy Higgins, and the Club.

Thank you all for participating and making the outing so enjoyable.

Barry Kinney



Photos above by Scott Williams

Photo above by Brian Gregorio



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Jack Green

Barry Kinney & Coragine Savio
Scott Williams & Tom Mullins
Gary & Cheryl Barrango

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