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President's Message

We had a couple of nice get togethers this month, a picnic / meeting in Golden Gate Park and a tour of the Egyptian Museum in San Jose. It feels good to get out of Dodge once in a while. Thanks to everyone who attended. Your participation lifts our spirits and makes our lives feel more normal.

The Ironstone Concours is coming up at the end of this month on Saturday September 25. We have no plans to attend as a group. Those members who plan to go are on their own for accommodations, etc. We will put Ironstone on the Club event calendar for next year.

Our plans for Carlsbad Caverns is also on hold due to lack of interest at the present time. If you are an Amtrak voucher holder you will need to use it for an alternate train ride before the end of the year. Amtrak may change policy and agree to cash refunds or extend the life of the voucher into next year. I will check with Amtrak and up date you in October.

At present we have no plans for a September Tour. We will plan something. Check your e-mail for news on activities in September. We may possibly do a day trip to Murphys/Ironstone depending on interest.

Our meeting this month will most likely be another Zoom: Thursday September 9 at 7:30 pm. The Monte Cristo may be open and available again soon but group meetings inside will probably be postponed until October or November just to be on the safe side.

Don't forget to put the Columbus Day Parade on your calendar. It is scheduled for Sunday October 10, 2021. Plan to be there. We need a bigger better turn out this year.

See you at the Zoom monthly meeting on Thursday September 9 at 7:30 pm.

Barry Kinney

Virtual Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by club President Barry Kinney. The club met at Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park. There were ten members in attendance.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as written.

Reports of Officers:

Barry spoke about our Amtrak vouchers from the Carlsbad trip which was canceled due to COVID 19. He said we need to do something with them by December, as they expire. We could plan on a new trip to Carlsbad in the spring, or take a round trip to another destination, or let them expire. Barry will check to see if Carlsbad is open for next spring. ♦ Our next tour will be to the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose. It will be Sunday August 29. We will meet at the Museum at 11 am. It is at 1660 Park Avenue, San Jose. There is parking at the museum. Lunch will follow at the Park Station Hashery, which is within walking distance of the museum. ♦ The club decided to make a donation to the National Model A Ford Museum in Hickory Corners, MI in memory of Mike Cunneen who passed away in early August. ♦ Barry reminded everyone that Ironstone Concours will be September 24-25. There didn't seem to be a lot of interest among the group present. ♦ The Italian Heritage Day Parade (Columbus Day Parade) will be Sunday October 10. We need cars to participate.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

Walter did a Zoom meeting at 7:30 that same night. There were five members present for that meeting.

Walter filled them in on the prior meeting held earlier in the day. Then everyone talked about the things they have been doing.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Peterson, Secretary

Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum

Our visit to the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum was informative and educational. The museum was founded by Harvey Spencer Lewis in 1928 with his own collection, which began with one small statue in 1921. Today the museum contains over four thousand artifacts, the largest display of items from the Egyptian period in western North America. The collection taken as a whole gives a wonderful view into Egyptian life. The guided tour of a reconstructed tomb from the period dispels the idea that Egyptians were fixated on death and the afterlife. Certainly this was true to some degree but the inscriptions on the tomb walls are a celebration of life. They tell the story of the deceased, what they did for a living, what they did in their leisure time, and their relationship to their god.

We spent about ninety minutes in the museum and then walked across the street to the Park Station Hashery for lunch. We sat at a large outside table, separated from other patrons. These days, even with vaccinations, it is always good to be cautious in public places. The Hashery was a busy local eatery serving hearty breakfasts, great sandwiches, and hand cut fries — the perfect place for a Sunday outing.

Yes indeed, we all enjoyed being out of the house and in the company of friends at a surprisingly interesting place.

Barry Kinney



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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Kevin Richardson
Judy O'Brien
Victoria Acosta
Vincent Ryan Frueh
Jenny Jump

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September 15
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September 16

Christina DeMartini Reyes
Ken Kling

James & Daisy Young
Robert & Nina Petersen

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