

Milpitas Muse

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March 8 Meeting: The City of Campbell and Its Forgotten Industrial History

At the next meeting of the Milpitas Historical Society, at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 8, in the Multipurpose Room (Auditorium) of the Milpitas Library, 160 North Main Street, our topic will be the City of Campbell and the industries that allowed it to become the prosperous city that it is.



Our speaker will be Barney Terrell, an experienced teacher, published author, and enthusiastic researcher of local history who was our docent at the Society's December field trip to the Ainsley House Historical Museum in Campbell.

Barney Terrell

He will tell us more about the early settlers in Campbell (including the Ainsleys, who owned the beautiful house that is now Campbell's historical museum) who turned their small-town businesses into enterprises that benefitted the community that turned into the city of Campbell.

There will also be a short presentation about the identification and story on the subject of this photograph – do you recognize this building or know where in Milpitas it stood?



This Milpitas history mystery will be solved as part of our Treasurer Joe Ehardt's show-and-tell at the end of the meeting. Our meetings are free and all are welcome. Hope you can join us then.

Remembering a Former Milpitas Mayor



James Clement passed away on December 19, 2016, at age 83. He was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, to Carl and Hazel Clement. After graduating from high school and serving four years in the Navy, he settled in the San Francisco Bay Area, where he met and married

his wife Caral. He worked in the electronics industry before going into real estate, and eventually opening Clement Realty with his partner and friend Bob Gonsalves. He served on the Milpitas Planning Commission, City Council, and as Mayor in 1976. After retiring, he enjoyed his longtime hobbies of woodworking and gardening.



Milpitas Historical Society Board Meetings

Because of scheduling problems, the Society's March Board meeting had to be held on Monday, February 27. The April Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 3at 2:00 pm in Group Study Room A at the Milpitas Library. From now on we will be better at announcing in the newsletter the date and time for each meeting. Members are always welcome.

Our Society's Contact Information

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- by email at tmhs@milpitashistoricalsociety.org
 Here's the new website for the Milpitas Historical Society: http://milpitashistoricalsociety.org, with information about the society and upcoming events. The traditional Milpitas history web page is here: http://www.milpitashistory.org/home/index.html

Milpitas Historical Society's 2017 Board and Officers Installation Dinner

The Milpitas Historical Society held its annual dinner to celebrate the installation of its new officers and board of directors on Thursday evening, February 16, at the Summitpointe Golf Club Restaurant. Board President Mark Tiernan welcomed the guests, including our new mayor, Richard Tran, Vice-Mayor Marsha Grilli, Recreation Service Manager Rene Lorentzen, former City Council member Debbie Indihar Giordano, Water District Chairman Richard Santos and of course, a good group of our regular members. Our special guests were Kelly and Diane Silva, who were honored and thanked for their kindness and help to the Society in opening their Apricot Ranch to us for the Community Tour for many years, and Home Depot Managers David Webster and Jessika Talaugon, who were presented Certificates of Appreciation for their generosity in donating to the Society materials for repairing and upgrading the historic Frontier Days Rolling Jail.



Mayor Richard Tran, far right, after administering the oath of office to the new officers and board of directors of the Society. The new board includes (left to right) Historian Joanne Souza, Hospitality Chair Marilyn Simpkins, Membership Chair Mary Ann Udoutch, Vice President and Newsletter Editor Catherine Pelizzari, Archives and Landmarks Chairs Kraig Bunnell, Public Relations and Special Events Chairs Harriett McGuire, Secretary Linda Arbaugh, President Mark Tiernan, and Treasurer Joseph Ehardt.

Due to family obligations, Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Commission Liaison Representative Steve Munzel could not be present.

The evening was topped off by a presentation about "Brave Local Pioneer Women" by Rose Marie Beebe, Professor of Spanish at Santa Clara University and Richard Senkewicz, Professor of History at Santa Clara University, who are joint authors of several books about early California history. They told us about the lives of several early California women whose stories had been collected in the 19th century at the request of Hubert Howe Bancroft, founder of U.C. Berkeley's distinguished library, who commissioned writers who spoke Spanish to interview early California settlers, both men and women, in order to record a history of the state as told by the people who were there to see it. These stories were fascinating and well told and were deeply appreciated by all the guests.

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