

Milpitas Muse

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Join Our Meeting on Wednesday, April 14

The Milpitas Historical Society hopes that you can join us at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 14, for our now-regular Zoom-hosted meeting. If you haven't yet used Zoom to attend one of our meetings, see the other side of this newsletter.

Our special presentation at this April meeting will be an interview with Mort Levine, husband of the late Elaine, the principal mover behind the founding of the Milpitas Historical Society and Mort and Elaine's daughter, Deva Luna.



Elaine Levine was born on a Wisconsin dairy farm to Elmer and Esther Schrank. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison where she met her future husband, Morton Levine. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in September 2020.

Elaine Levine, February 3, 1929 - November 17, 2020

Elaine and Mort Levine came west in 1953 with the goal of starting a local community newspaper. They founded their first paper, The Milpitas Post in 1954 with the help of her sister, Mae Schrank. Over the years, they owned additional newspapers throughout Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. These included The Country Almanac, Los Altos Town Crier, Cupertino Courier, Saratoga News, Los Gatos Times Observer, and five San Jose Sun neighborhood newspapers. In her professional career, Elaine was at the vanguard for women newspaper executives. Her efforts at recruiting and training reporters brought a high level of professionalism to the coverage of local government and education, and the papers were honored with many awards for editorial content.

Please join us for this moving reflection on Elaine's life and positive influences in so many areas.

Joining the Zoom Meeting!

Our President, Bill Hare, has set up a Zoom link that you will be able to click on to join the meeting at 7 pm Pacific Time (US and Canada).

From a Mac or PC or via your smartphone, click on this link below and you will be connected!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8538460380?pwd=WXJMdGFKTWF1MkE5eU5JL3FOSFVxUT09>

That should get you in, but on the off chance you are asked for a meeting ID or passcode (or if that is your preferred mode of entry), they are here:

Meeting ID: 853 846 0380

Passcode: history

Another easy way to join us is to visit the Milpitas Historical Society's web page at

milpitashistoricalsociety.org, where there will be a link to click right at the top of the page that will take you straight to the meeting!

We will have a social time afterwards (as we usually do after the meetings), so this is a great opportunity to catch up with friends who have not been able to see each other quite a while now. We very much look forward to seeing *all of you* at this meeting!

Membership

NO DUES needed for 2021!

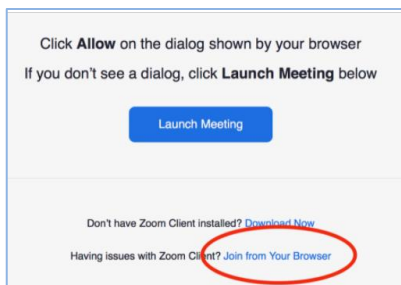
The Board of Directors of the Milpitas Historical Society in January decided to waive all dues for membership in Calendar Year 2021.

Current members do not need to pay the \$25 renewal fee and no membership renewal form needs to be mailed UNLESS you are changing your contact information (change in name, residence, phone, or e-mail address).

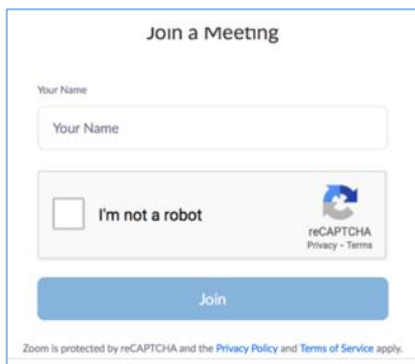
New individuals wishing to join the Society can do so this year WITHOUT paying the normal \$25 fee. Simply fill out a membership application so that we can add you to our membership records in order to receive our Milpitas Muse newsletter and any special announcements that we might send out.

New to Our Zoom Meetings? Read This!

To join our meetings, if you don't have the Zoom app, click on the [Join Zoom Meeting](#) link, and you will see this window below, telling you to join from your browser.



That will take you to the next window, where you will enter your name and check the "I'm not a robot" box, and then be able to join:



If you do not have a computer or smartphone, or simply are just not comfortable with navigating the steps, you probably know a family member or friend who can help you. Ask that person if you could please join up with them for this meeting to watch the Zoom presentation; they will probably enjoy it too.

New Series about Milpitas Parks

Did you know that Milpitas contains about 30 different parks? Starting next month, each Milpitas Muse will have an interesting little article about a Milpitas park for you to explore.

While most of the articles will focus on the parks that are named for people, Milpitas pioneers and supporters of Milpitas recreation and good governance, this month's mini-feature tells you about a truly "hidden" park and what fun it could be to find it.



Hidden Lake Park

Hidden Lake Park is located off Milpitas Boulevard between Tramway Drive and Escuela Parkway, at the center of a housing development called Hidden Lake Village. It is accessed through an entrance called Hidden Lake Park (unlike the other entrances, which are called Hidden Lake Village). It features a large lake with about a mile of pleasant trail around it, and home to a treasure trove of water birds of all kinds, geese, ducks, coots, egrets, cormorants, gulls, and other water-based wildlife swimming in and flying over it. There's an entry point to a longer trail, along Penitencia Creek, on the far side of the lake, for those who might want a longer walk. Enjoy!

Our Society's Contact Information

You can contact the Milpitas Historical Society:

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- by email at tmhs@milpitashistoricalsociety.org
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