

Milpitas Muse

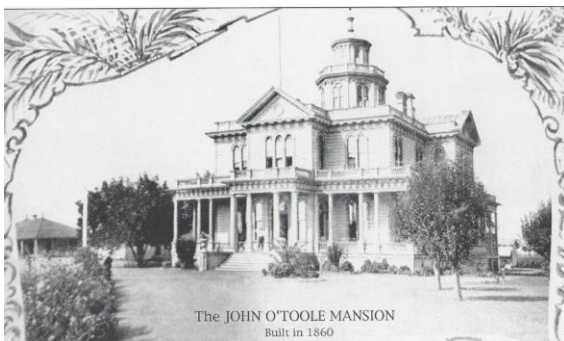
June Meeting: Again In-Person or Online Mary Hanel on the Milpitas O'Toole Heritage

Our June meeting will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 15, both in person, in the Multi-purpose Room (Auditorium) of the Milpitas Library, and on Zoom, as we've been doing for the past two years.



Mary Hanel

Our speaker for this meeting will be Mary Hanel, who will bring us the story of the prosperous O'Toole family, who built a beautiful mansion at the south end of Milpitas in 1860, which later became an almshouse, and how it happened that much later it was destroyed to make way for the current Elmwood jail.



Local History Librarian at Santa Clara City Library
Mary Hanel worked for the Santa Clara City Library for over twenty years. Since the "new" Central Park Library opened in 2004, she has served as the Library Program Coordinator for Local History & Genealogy, managing the Heritage Pavilion section of the library.

If you choose to join us on Zoom, rather than in person, you can click on the link below.

To join this meeting from your Mac, PC, tablet, or smartphone, click on this link below and you will be connected!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8538460380?pwd=WXJMdGFKTWFiMkE5eU5JL3FOSFVxUT09>

OR use your browser to go to milpitashistoricalsociety.org, and on the home page there will be a link to click that will automatically take you to the meeting.

In the interests of keeping everyone healthy, the library requires that everyone wear a mask in the library building and sadly, so far, no food is allowed to be served in the building. So although we may well have a good time socializing after the meeting, there will be no coffee and snacks served at this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there or online!

The Society Awards Two Scholarships

Earlier this year the Milpitas Historical Society's Board decided that the memorial for Elaine Levine, co-founder of the Milpitas Post, would be an annual \$250 scholarship to a graduating Milpitas High School student. This decision was made in consultation with Mort Levine and family, who approved of the idea. Officially, we named it The Elaine Levine Memorial Scholarship in Journalism. So far, the Society has received specific donations of \$1,055 in memory of Elaine, which means that four annual scholarships can be awarded with current funds, but additional funds may become available.

Shortly after this first decision was made, the Board voted to offer another \$250 scholarship to a graduating Milpitas High School student, but this one would be The Milpitas Historical Society Scholarship in History. This is being financed with the Society's own general operating funds, which are growing because of our Milpitas Charity Bingo work. This scholarship will be awarded annually until such time that the Society decides to cease doing so, but the Board views this as a perennial commitment to support students with an interest in history.

To implement this scholarship program, Bill Hare and Joseph Ehardt met with a group of three teachers at Milpitas High School: Sanjit Roy (English and Journalism), Paul Harrison (History), and Lisa Ferguson Gable (Psychology). The five collaborators

discussed the Society's goal in offering these scholarships and worked out the criteria associated with each one. Academic excellence and financial need would be the primary factors to be used by the teachers, whom we empowered to make the actual student selections.

On May 25th, Senior Awards Night, the two recipients were announced. Vania Talitha Castro was awarded The Elaine Levine Memorial Scholarship in Journalism, and Kathryn Kerr was awarded The Milpitas Historical Society Scholarship in History.

Additionally, Vania and Kathryn both earned the Golden State Seal of Merit and graduated Summa Cum Laude, the highest category of GPA with 4.0 or higher, which entitled them to the Gold Cord and Gold Stole (Sash) graduation accessories. Kathryn Kerr also earned a Maroon Cord for 100 or more hours of service to the community.

Many congratulations to Vania and Kathryn!

The Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association Scholarship



At the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association (SNA) breakfast meeting on Saturday, June 4, Tracy E. K'Meyer, a Professor of History at the University of Louisville, KY, spoke about the subject of her new book, *To Live Peaceably Together*.

This book is a study of how organizations such as the Quakers and other groups struggled to develop integrated housing in the 1950s and '60s, resulting in,

among others, our Sunnyhills neighborhood, the first planned integrated housing development in California. Copies of her book will be available for purchase at the June meeting.

Also, at this meeting, Allyson McDonald, President of the SNA, and a member of the Milpitas Historical Society, announced Ngoc Trinh Tran as the recipient of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association Scholarship. She also was awarded the honor of the Maroon Cord, which is given to students who have completed one hundred or more hours of community service. She will be attending the University of California at Berkeley in the Fall with plans to become a community social worker. Congratulations to Trinh!

The Francis Udoutch Memorial Scholarship

Mary Ann Udoutch, another member of our Society, established a scholarship in memory of her husband, Francis, who passed away in recent months. Francis was an avid fan of the Milpitas High School Trojans football team. He attended all games at home as well as those "away," always sitting in his folding chair boldly lettered with PAPA U and often beside the team coach's wife. Mary Ann awarded this scholarship to the Trojan football player John Norwood. John also was awarded the Golden State Seal of Merit and graduated Magna Cum Laude, which is earned by students achieving a GPA of 3.5 to 3.999. Congratulations to John!

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