

## FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2019

Nov-Dec 2019

From the West Sacramento Historical Society  
Executive and Board Members to you...



The holiday season is upon us, and Thanksgiving for me is the easiest of them all. I am very thankful for the team of volunteers, supporters, and donors that have helped the West Sacramento Historical Society throughout 2019. I am grateful for being part of the best hard-working board and committee chairs that a President could ask for. May we all be so fortunate to be surrounded by amazing people, not just during this time of year, but all year long.

Here is a short poem by Mandi Cidlik  
on how easy this holiday should be.

### THANKFUL

*No ghosts or goblins and trick-or-treats.*

*No candy or flowers for your sweets.*

*No gifts to buy or presents to give.*

*Just be THANKFUL for the life that you live.*

- M. Cidlik 2013-

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND HAPPY FALL HARVEST**

From my home to yours,

*Alfonso Vaychez*

### Holiday Online Shopping



If you shop on-line, please consider using Amazon Smile and register to support the West Sacramento Historical Society.

#### How it works.

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. Sign-in with your Amazon account
3. Choose West Sacramento (City) Historical Society
4. Begin shopping
5. And share with friends

A small percentage of your personal purchase is directed to the West Sacramento Historical Society or another non-profit of choice

### Christmas Holiday Gathering

Vince's Restaurant

840 Harbor Blvd, West Sacramento

Sunday, December 15

3:00 to 6:00 pm

(details later)

### 2020 Membership Drive

Capitol Bowl

900 West Capitol Ave

Friday, January 17,

6:00-8:00 pm

## 2019 Exhibitions, Projects, and Events



March opening reception in the History Gallery for Gay and Lesbian Nightclubs and Bars in Early West Sacramento exhibition. Runs to April 2020.

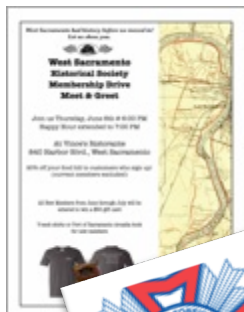
The Delta Grandeur exhibition rented from Exhibit Envoy in Gallery 1075. Contributing sponsors included Yolo County Supervisor, District 1, Oscar Villegas; State Delta Protection Commission; First Northern Bank-West Sacramento Branch, and the West Sacramento Historical Society. From August 1 through September 27.



Final submission of 1994-2007 West Sacramento News-Ledger newspaper to California Revealed (State Library) internet newspaper archives.

Earlier issues on UC Riverside digital archives website.

Below from left to right: Membership Drive at Vince's Restaurant, Board meeting, promotional table at Sacramento LGBT Senior Fair, Drag Queen Bingo fundraiser, success in obtaining State Historical Landmark recognition for Bryte VFW, visit to new Fire Museum, to Big Day of Giving fundraiser. Several members attended digital archive workshop, oral history interviews workshop, and museum collections training.



## CHANGES COMING TO THE HISTORY GALLERY

Changes in rotating out exhibits in the History Gallery display cabinet are planned. Beginning in April 2020 and after the current LGBTQ exhibition will be replaced with artifacts and archival material from our collection. Since January 2011, we developed and rotated numerous displays beginning with *Puerto Rican, Carlito (Charles) Sano, Portuguese of San Pedro Park, West Sacramento World War II veterans, the West Sacramento News-Ledger 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the history behind the Incorporation of City of West Sacramento, Broderick Boys of World War I, First Families of East Yolo, Lincoln Highway-Highway 40-West Capitol Avenue, Washington Elementary School, West Sacramento Trail Riders Association, and the River Cat's transition from Oakland A's to San Francisco Giants*. If you are interesting in helping, please call us at 916 374-1849.

## COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE



Office hours have been sporadic this summer. Hey, we're retired. What do you expect, a 40-hour week? We will continue Friday workdays from 9:00 am to noon, but will be closed during the remaining holidays.

*New acquisition:* We received additional archival material (photos, early property deeds, small signage, and maps) from Bryan Turner-West Sacramento Land Company.

*Harbor Boulevard workday:* The November inventory workday of the larger size artifacts stored in a building on Harbor Boulevard is postponed until next spring.

*(We work on Friday to look forward to the weekend)*

The board is looking for one or two members to join a team to help review our collection to decide what is relevant to be kept in the collection or disposed, sold, or gifted to another organization. This adhoc committee will be meet no more that 4 times per year. If interested, please call us at 916 374-1849.

*If you shop* at Nugget Markets, please consider getting a Nugget Scrip Card. A small percentage from your purchase can be directed and donated to a charity or other non-profit (preferably the West Sacramento Historical Society)

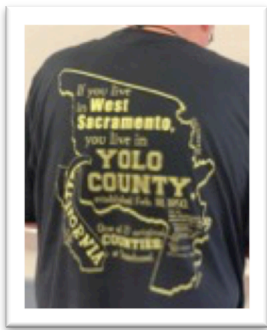




# LBGT Senior Pride Fair Recap

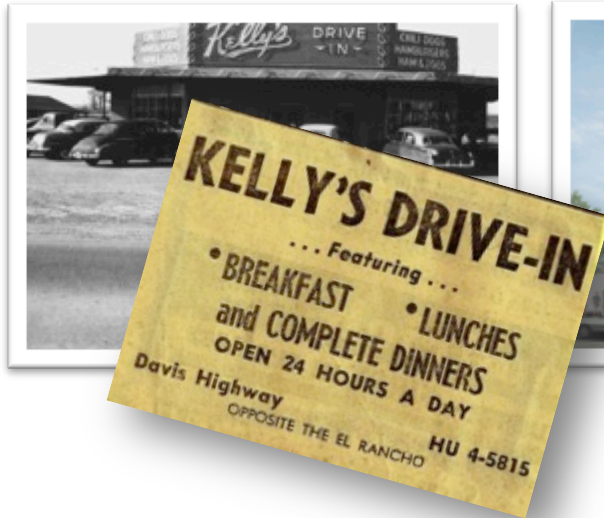
*Submitted by Jane Yeung*

More than 30 vendors and those offering community information provided resources for LGBT seniors, and any other groups that were interested. It was a festive atmosphere, with food, beverages - and plenty of Halloween candy. A wonderful band played soft jazz. Representing the Society were Mickey Fausett, Thom Lewis, Ileana Maestas, Rita Griffin, and Jane Yeung. The historical society donated several items for a raffle, and our colorful table had copies of the LGBT handout material. It was accompanied by a modified digital slideshow from our current History Gallery exhibit at the West Sacramento Community Center. Participants stood in rapt attention while the slideshow played, some mentioning that they had no idea West Sacramento was a vital part of LGBT history in the greater Sacramento area. Others regaled us with stories about every single building.



At one point, Sacramento City Council member Steve Hansen, who has served on the Council since 2012 and represents the Fourth Council District (River Oaks, Central City, Land Park, South Land Park and Little Pocket), spoke to the dozens in attendance. According to his City of Sacramento bio, Hansen has worked as an advocate for Equality California, a statewide advocacy group for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Californians. Hansen is a graduate of McGeorge School of Law. Volunteers represented Yolo County well, wearing the new Yolo County/West Sacramento T-shirt.

## From the Past to the Future



*From Kelly's Drive-In, then Robert's Diner, later West Sacramento Community Church to the new Hilton Home2Suites (opening Fall 2020).*

*"It is important for all of us to appreciate where we come from and how that history has really shaped us in ways that we might not understand."*

*-Sonia Sotomayor-*

*Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States*



West Sacramento Historical Society  
**2020 Membership Application**

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**Membership Categories**

Individual-\$25 ☐ Senior, Individual (65+)-\$20 ☐ Family-\$40 ☐ Senior, Family-\$30 ☐

Business-\$100 ☐ (*Business members receive one complimentary ticket to special events per year, including member wall plaque*)

**Basic Membership Benefits**

*-6 E-newsletters per year, hardcopy newsletter sent by mail, please add an additional \$5.00 for printing and mailing*

*-Invitations to special events (e-mail members only) and exhibition previews*

*-WSHS promotional merchandise and special events discounts with membership card*

Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (optional) Newsletter by Mail \$ 5.00 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash ☐ Check ☐ Ck# \_\_\_\_\_

***Membership information***

**New Member** \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal** \_\_\_\_\_ **Member since** \_\_\_\_\_ **Todays Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Mail Membership Application to:**

West Sacramento Historical Society, P.O. Box 1202, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Date Application Received \_\_\_\_\_ Date Application Recorded \_\_\_\_\_