

Member News Summary

Board update:

Please thank past board members who volunteered to continue in their positions. Although, Barbara Smith and Billi Hanlon decided to step down. But don't be alarmed, Karen Whiteside and Cecilia Vasquez have volunteered, respectively, to fill these voids. With no other members volunteering since our end-of-year holiday gathering in December 2021, please welcome your executive and board members for 2022.

Alfonso Voychez will continue as *President*; Ileana Maestas as *Vice President*, and Jackie Rossi, *Secretary*. Jane Hughes Yeung will continue as board member. Welcome new board member, Karen Whiteside. She is replacing Cecilia Vasquez who is now the new *Treasurer*. Mickey continues as Outreach Chair, Thom as History Gallery-Collections Chair, and Jackie Membership Chair. However, one board position remains vacant, so if interested please contact Alfonso at WSHistoricalS@gmail.com. After our lives return to Abbey-Normal, we will schedule a full membership monthly.

Collections update:

It has been a slow start since December, but we finally went back into the office in February. After taking three months off we needed to get reacquainted with our tasks. Office hours remain the same, Wednesdays from 9:30 am to Noon. The group has considered adding another day, but with the price of gas lately, we will wait until the end of summer.

Slides, slides, slides... We found good homes for several slide collections that did not meet our collection mission. One hundred-forty World War II slides were donated to the World War II Museum in Eldred, Pennsylvania. Theodore and Virginia Seaman's vacation slides of Egypt were donated to the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, San Jose, CA. Although we



made a few copies for our files containing both Theodore and Virginia.

We recently purchased a Kodak 35mm slide/negative converter to digital. Surprisingly it works really well, (*see left*). Also purchased this year was a Kodak 8mm-Super8mm film converter digitizer. In addition, a new Epson speed scanner was purchased, giving us the opportunity to scan documents and photographs both front and back simultaneously.

The *WS News-Ledger* project slowed us down for nearly two years, but it spawned a new newspaper project, but on a smaller scale. We acquired all editions of the *West Sacramento Sentinel* from Chris Roberts (son of Steve Roberts), a few *WS Press*, and *East*

Yolo Independent newsprints. Similar to the *News-Ledger*, they may be scanned in the future. Mickey has been organizing nearly 400 Pages of the *Past from the News-Ledger* issues and placing each page into clear acid-free sleeve binders and will be available for research. While the *News-Ledger* is now available online, we are maintaining a few original copies and discarding duplicates and others not necessary. We've gone through nearly 4,000 copies in the past 2-1/2 years.



Upcoming Displays:

We're going to the county fair. Yolo County historical organizations are participating in a joint history exhibition for the Yolo County Fair. Under the umbrellas of the Yolo County Historical Society, each historical society within Yolo County will provide a display relating to their history into a designated display cabinet in the new Yolo County Fair history building (*left*). The deadline for completion is by August 2022.

Are you interested in helping with this project? We are looking for volunteers to develop and install a themed exhibit that represents the history of West Sacramento. Please contact us if you are interested in participating.

Filipino Exhibition October through the end of November 2022

“Through My Father’s Eyes: The Filipino American Photographs of Ricardo Ocreto Alvarado” is a collection of 50



photographs selected from over 3,000 discovered by his daughter, Janet Alvarado, after his death. This exhibit offers a rare view into the daily lives of Filipino Americans in the post-World War II era.



This special exhibit is being offered to us by Exhibit Envoy and will be in the first floor in the City of West Sacramento Community Center-1075 Gallery. If interested in sponsoring, setting up, promoting, organize the opening reception, please contact us at 916 374-1849.

History Gallery

After two years, the city Community Center remains closed to the public, but we were informed it may open soon. Changes to displays in the gallery have been slow, but productive.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Saturday, April 23, 2022

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

\$25



24-hour online regional fundraiser

Thursday, May 5, 2022

If purchasing Bunco tickets by check, please make \$25 check to WSHS-Bunco and mail to WSHS, P.O. Box 1202, West Sacramento, CA 95691 by April 20, purchase at Vince’s Restaurant, or go to westsachistoricalociety.org and go to Home Page and scan Venmo QR code. We can be contacted by calling 916 374-1849 or e-mail at WSHistoricalS@gmail.com