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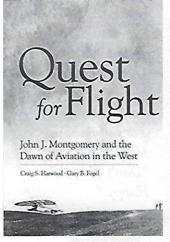
Historian Paul Bernal Speaks on the Bernal Experience on Monday, April 26. Keep these dates open for Quest for Flight with Craig Harwood, May 24 and Lisa Newman on June 28 on The Love of Apricots!!

Superior Court Justice Paul Bernal, historian and eighth-generation descendent of ranch founder



Jose Joaquin Bernal will speak on "Bringing Spain to California: the Bernal Experience" on April 26 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. By following one family's ' 1775-1776 trek from Sinaloa, Mexico to San Jose, California, we can better appreciate what all families of the frontier encountered in the early years of Alta California. The Presidio, Mission, Pueblo and Rancho environments will be explored. Along with customs and dynamics. Judge Paul Bernal will present this personal story of his ancestors in context with the developing Nuevo Espana. Judge Bernal is the Official Historian of the City of San Jose and an eighth generation Bay Area resident. This presentation is co-sponsored by the Preservation Action Council. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81964318081

Quest for Flight, May 24



Craig Harwood author of "Quest for Flight: John J. Montgomery and the Dawn of Aviation in the West" a book about John J. Montgomery, a California scientist who succeeded in flying gliders twenty years before the Wright's powered flights at Kitty Hawk

in 1903. The presentation reveals the amazing accomplishments of Montgomery who piloted the glider he designed in 1883 in the first controlled flights. This presentation is co-sponsored by the California. Pioneers and will take place on May 24 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

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For the Love of Apricots, June 28

Former Saratoga resident Lisa Prince Newman will weave a story of love for apricots once grown on Glen Una in Saratoga and memories of the Santa Clara Valley. This nostalgic journey will cover the region's 100-year orchard era and the rapid transformation of the Santa Clara Valley affectionately known as the Valley of Heart's Delight into Silicon Valley.

What's Happening at the Museum?

The Museum is still closed but we hope to open in the next month or so. Attending lectures will, most likely, not be possible for a new more months-- so be patient. Our thanks to Program Director Dr. Jo Rodgers for assembling such great, and entertaining speakers.

We need docents for both the museum as well as for the education program. If you are interested in becoming a docent for the museum, please email Annette Stransky at annette022003@yahoo.com. If you are interested in becoming an education docent and working with children, please contact Linda Hagelin at lhagelin1@gmail.com for more information.



Ever wonder where to leave your worries? This sign was seen at Montalvo.
Now just hum a few bars of Bobby McFerrin's song "Don't Worry Be Happy."



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The mission of the Saratoga Historical Foundation is to preserve the unique history of Saratoga for the education and enjoyment of the community.

The Saratoga Historical Park is open from 1-4 PM on Fridays and Sundays and from 10-4 PM on Saturday. For more information, i.e. group tours, you can call 408-867-4311 or e-mail info@saratogahistory.com. Be sure to also check the website at www.saratogahistory.com or see us on Facebook at facebook.com/saratogahistory. Newsletter suggestions can be sent to the editor at: info@saratogahistory.com.

Delivering the News

For those of you who grew up in Saratoga there are two blogs on Facebook you might find interesting:

- •Saratoga--A Small Town--Many Memories.
- You Know You're From Saratoga If..

These blogs cover a variety of topics including history, how to connect with old friends, or just to reminisce.

. Another blog that covers Silicon Valley and has a broader subject matter but also interesting:

• Remember the Silicon Valley Before It Was the Silicon Valley?

And one of my favorites for fabulous photography covering California:

• My Home is California

How can you find these blogs? Go up to Facebook and type in the name in the search box. Or you can Google the name and click on the results. No charge to join any of the groups or you can just browse.

And don't forget to stop by the Saratoga History Museum's Facebook page!!



Caption: 1899 mail stage in front of the Saratoga post office.

generation Bay Area resident. This presentation is

*Events

The Saratoga History Museum is closed until further notice due to the pandemic.

March 29 recorded presentation on the History of the Olive-- go to:

https://youtu.be/1taxVdgyp-k.

April 26 zoom presentation at 7:00 PM May 24 zoom presentation at 7:00 PM May 16 and May 23 walking tours of the Village, free, meet in front of the museum 1:00 PM

June 28 zoom presentation at 7:00 PM

May is Heritage Preservation Month

The Heritage Preservation Commission is sharing the following programs with you:

Free- docent led walking tours sponsored by the Saratoga History Museum (20450 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road) at 1:00 PM on May 16 and on May 23. Meet in front of the Museum!!

Films and tour of Villa Montalvo sponsored by Montalvo will take place in May. For date, time, and address check www.saratogahistory.com. Information too late to include in the newsletter.

"Preservation in Saratoga-- with the Heritage Preservation Commission" free zoom presentation. For date and time check www.saratogahistory.com.

Hakone Gardens and Executive Order 9066 exhibit from May-December at Hakone Estate and Gardens

Fighting on all Fronts-Profiles of WWII Chinese Americans from the Golden State

A new book by Author Montgomery Hom will be available the first week in May. The book includes a historical presentation of the Chinese American in the military, a look at the home front and women at war, and unique WWII memorabilia. You can order



from the Chinese
Historical
Society of
America by
by calling
CHSA
Museum store:
415-391-1188
x 109. The
book costs
\$27.00 plus
shipping and

tax. The book can be pre-ordered.

A New Book on Hakone Estate and Gardens



Hot off the presses! The authors of "Images of America: Hakone Estate and Gardens" are well-known to Saratoga: Ann Waltonsmith is chair of the Hakone Foundation, and Connie Young Yu is a foundation trustee and popular author of several books.

The new book addresses Hakone's history from 1918 when the Japanese garden was created in Saratoga through WWII up to 2000, when the foundation was established. The book is available after May 3 from the Hakone Estate and Gardens gift shop for \$21.99 plus tax. It can also be purchased at Amazon.com.

Buy and Save Market and the Butera Family



Note: Photo is the first Buy and Save before it moved across the street to the shopping center.



Top row: Frank, Sam, Addy, and Virginia Butera. Bottom row: Joe, Catherina, Dick and Vince Butera.

Grandson Andy Butera of Angelo Butera recently talked to us about his family's long ownership of the Buy and Save market in Saratoga and of growing up locally.

According to Andy, Angelo Butera and wife Catherina Nardi came to the US from Trabia, Sicily in 1909. They landed in Ellis Island and went from there to live in Pennsylvania.

They then moved to San Jose, CA and purchased a house on Almaden Avenue. There the family raised six boys and two girls: Angelo (Andy), Richard (Dick), Frank, Sam, Joe and Vince, Virginia and Addeline. Angelo operated a shoe

repair shop in a small building next to the family house until his passing in 1934. Catherina continued to raise the family and lived on Almaden Avenue until her passing in 1977.

Andy was also the grandson of Frank and Elizabeth Nardie. Frank Nardie came from Italy and married Elizabeth who was born in New York. The family lived in New York, Illinois and San Francisco before settling in Saratoga. Their primary residence was located on the corner of Sixth Street and St. Charles. It was built by Frank Nardie and the interior had knotty pine walls. There Frank and Elizabeth raised 6 girls: Mary, Millie, Angelina, Lonnie, Dolly and Virginia (Andy's mom) and two boys, Tony and Ralph. Another house owned by the Nardie's is located on Sixth Street and is on the Saratoga Heritage Resource list.

Frank Nardie worked at the Notre Dame Villa on Bohlman Road to support the family while Elizabeth stayed home to care for the family.

The two grandparent's homes were the center of holiday celebrations for many years for the close knit family.



Frank
and
Elizabeth
Nardie
with two
grandchildren.

While growing up in Saratoga, members of the Nardie family would help harvest the fruit by picking prunes and cutting apricots.

In 1946 the Butera boys in the family decided to open a Buy and Save grocery store in Saratoga and one in Menlo Park on Willow and Middlefield in Menlo Park. Andy, Richard and Frank worked in the Saratoga store. Sam, Joe and Vince worked in the Menlo Park store. They decided to expand the Saratoga store by moving across the street to the Saratoga Village Center.

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The Buy and Save was an anchor store in the



Saratoga Village Center -one of the first shopping centers in Saratoga.

The 5000 square foot store was one of three grocery stores in Saratoga

for many years. In addition to Buy and Save, there were Foothill Market, Campbell's Market and Fantino's Deli. All were located on Big Basin Way. The Butera family would operate the Saratoga store until 1987 when they sold the store.

In those days, grocery stores sold meat, fruit, vegetables and dairy products-- no deli, no flowers, no pharmaceuticals-- strictly food. Another unique service rarely found today--- free delivery! And, of course, the store was open six days a week-- no stores were open on Sunday.

Stores in Saratoga at that time were pretty much "Mom and Pop" shops. The Buy and Save was also family run with brother Richard as the butcher, Richard's daughter Catherine at the cash register and Andy and Frank also hard at work in the store. Carmella (Millie) Butera, wife of Richard was the bookkeeper at the family store and worked until the age of 75. Ginny, wife of grandson Andy, also worked in the store.



Frank, Sam, Millie Butera, Fritz Eaton, Catherine Butera, Jim Butera, and Sam Cardinalle.

Andy said his father Frank was a drummer for a local band so went from work on Friday's and Saturday's to play at Lou's Village in San Jose. Lou's Village, a family owned restaurant from

1946-1958 provided food and live entertainment.



The family was very involved in the community. Andy was instrumental in starting Little League baseball in Saratoga and was an active supporter of Saratoga High School's football team. He donated support and advice to all the players.

Andy withdrew from Buy and Save and bought two liquor stores. After retiring he started assisting the high school football coaches with locker room duties, repairing equipment and traveling with the football team on bus trips to games.

He was also a member of a traveling softball team. He belonged to the "Bug-E-Bowlers" at Saratoga Lanes and was a member of the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce, the Saratoga Merchant's Association and the Saratoga Lions Club.

Richard Butera married Carmella (Millie) Nardie. He was active in the Lions Club as well as in the fire department. He was a volunteer fire fighter as well as a fire commissioner for Saratoga.

A favorite memory of Elizabeth Nardie was being Grand Marshal in the annual Los Gatos parade in the 1970's. Accompanying her in the car were four generations of Buteras: Millie Butera, Mary Mason and Tina Mason.

Frank's son, Andy said the family worked very



hard and that experience prepared them for good work ethics in adulthood. Andy said after graduating from

college he worked for popular retail chain Mervyn's and later held management positions in Draeger's, an upscale grocery chain locally.

New Exhibit at Hakone Gardens and Estate: "Hakone Gardens and Executive Order 9066"

By Ann Waltonsmith and Connie Young Yu

Major Charles Lee Tilden purchased Hakone in 1932 from Isabel Stine Leis and placed a newspaper ad for a landscape gardener and live-in caretaker. James Sasaki, a farm worker without any formal



gardening training but an extremely talented horticulturist, answered his ad and was hired, moving to a cottage on the property with his wife Shizue and their little son, David.

Ten years later,

with Hakone at its height of beauty, James and Shizue Sasaki and their four children were forced to evacuate by Executive Order 9066, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. This was two months after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor. All Japanese in America were suspected of being potential collaborators and spies for the enemy. The Sasakis were sent to an internment camp at Topaz, Utah for three and a half years.

Meanwhile, Japanese gardens throughout the United States were being destroyed or vandalized, but Hakone, protected by Major Tilden, remained unharmed.

The Sasakis' incarceration during World War II was the experience of 120,000 Japanese, two-thirds of them American-born citizens.

Before departure James Sasaki, dug a pit in the orchard, now Hakone's parking lot, and burned everything the family owned that would associate them with Japan: his wife's and daughters' kimonos, his son's bamboo kendo swords, books, artifacts and

pictures. His 7-year old daughter Betty begged him not to throw her beloved children's books into the fire, but he replied, "I have no choice."

They were allowed to bring only what they could carry, and so each family member had a suitcase, except for four-month old Kathy Sasaki. Like all evacuated Japanese on the West Coast, they were first sent to places unfit for habitation called "assembly centers." The Sasakis with their relatives in the East Bay were forced to live in horse stalls at Tanforan Racetrack for months before being sent to Topaz, Utah.

In the fall of 1945, James Sasaki and his family were released from Topaz. Major Tilden's stepdaughter Marion Mitchell met the six Sasakis at the train station and brought them back to their cottage at Hakone. They were the fortunate ones, as most of the Japanese released from camp did not know where they would live, having lost their homes, possessions and livelihoods. All would suffer from prejudice and discrimination for decades after.

Along with the Sasaki family saga, stories of Executive 9066 are presented here by two Hakone Foundations trustees. Reiko Iwanaga tells of her experience as a child interned with her family at Amache, Colorado, and Patti Workman recounts that her mother was incarcerated at Amache and her father at Manzanar. This exhibit includes camp memorabilia, personal photographs and a map of the United States with the location of all ten detention camps. Here is a chapter in American history,-viewed from Hakone Gardens-- that must be told, understood and never forgotten. Hakone Gardens and Estate at 2100 Big Basin Way, Saratoga. www.hakone.com or call 408-741-4994 for the hours when Hakone is open.



Historic Gates Are On the Saratoga Historical Resource Inventory!



You've probably driven by them hundreds of time, two sandstone gates flanking the entrance of Lutheria Way off of Saratoga Avenue. Lutheria Way is etched in the sandstone in the front of the gate.

The gates were put in when Luther and

Eleanor Cunningham purchased the land for development and called it Cunningham Acres in 1925. Cunningham named the street after his daughter, Lutheria (1907-1964).

Luther Cunningham (1869-1945) was from one of the pioneering families in Saratoga. His family owned many orchards. His interests, however, were more along mechanical and engineering. He invented a dipping machine for prunes as well as other farm devices that eventually were manufactured by the Food Machinery Company (FMC).

His home is on 14280 Saratoga Avenue. The home features stones collected from every county in California.

His daughter Lutheria lived on Lutheria Way. She served as the town's postmistress from 1935-1943. Beginning in 1947 she became the editor of a new local newspaper, the Saratoga Observer.

The Cunningham family seemed to enjoy writing—Florence, niece of Luther wrote "First Hundred Years" covering Saratoga's history along with many articles. Her father wrote the history of Madronia cemetery.

The gates have lasted 96 years and adds a touch of rustic elegance to the lane. They are presently on

Saratoga's Heritage Resource Inventory--thanks to former HPC Commissioner Alexandra Nugent.

"I Was Very Lucky"--Reminiscing About Saratoga

Former Saratogan Peter Caldwell wrote and said: " I only have fond memories related to growing up in a small, charming town.

I used to know all the Butera's and my family always shopped at Buy and Save...it was part of our routine. I fondly remember the old store before they moved to the shopping center. You could park in the back and walk in through the back entrance. My grandfather, Clifford Conly, would let me charge stuff there to "Papa"...which was a great benefit for a young lad...they also delivered groceries too and would simply leave your groceries in your kitchen...we never locked our doors...Buy and Save was an integral part of the community and the whole family, and Fritz, were always cheerful and helpful. One of my fond memories was the butcher shop portion which always had sawdust on the floors...and in those days you had to order your Thanksgiving turkey well in advance and you had to burn the pin feathers off the bird once you got it home. It was also a place where you could chat with your friends as about everybody it seems knew each other...that was old Saratoga of which I am so fond. I was certainly very lucky to have called Saratoga my hometown. FYI, I lived there from 1944, off and on, until 1973-74. I sold my two houses on LaPaloma, a few doors from the Fontaine's, when I moved to Baton Rouge to work for the Louisiana Legislature."

In Memoriam

Eugene (Mac) McCaughey
Fred Gardner



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Introducing Paraprosdokians

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Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous.

- 1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- 2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ...but it's still on my list.
- 3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- 4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- 5. We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
- 6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
- 7. Knowledge, is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- 8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- 9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

- 10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of an emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor.
- 11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
- 12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
- 13. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
- 14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
- 15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- 16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
- 17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find someone older than me.



Spread the laughter, Share the cheer, Let's be happy while we're here.

Written by Anonymous.