

ORANGE COUNTY PIONEER COUNCIL

President's Message by Terry Brennan

On behalf of your Board of Directors I hope you have had a wonderful summer with friends and family. I would like to announce that the Annual Picnic has been set for October 5, 2003 and it will be held at the new Grijalva Community Park at Santiago Creek. Chester Horton, our Chairman of Activities, has done a great job of putting this event together. Thank you, Chester, from all of us. It was great to see a wonderful turn out for the Annual Dinner at First American Title Headquarters in Santa Ana. Our appreciation goes to the Kennedy family and their great staff, Sophia Burgess, Barbara Blankman and Gary Anderson to name a few.

As we have mentioned in the past, Membership and its support continues to be a vital part of our organization. We ask that you consider a gift (tax deductible) to our Oral History Program, as it is the cornerstone of our organization. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you all at the Annual Picnic.

ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2003
11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
GRIJALVA COMMUNITY PARK AT SANTIAGO CREEK

This beautiful new park is in the City of Orange and is easily accessible from all parts of Orange County. Take Chapman Avenue East from the 55 Freeway; turn left at Prospect Avenue and go two blocks (North) to the signal at Spring Street; turn left on Spring and proceed along the park perimeter to the end; turn right and continue along the West perimeter to the large parking area.

OUR AREA – PICNIC AREA #2 – IS RIGHT THERE WITH BALLOONS FLYING!

Board Member EDDIE GRIJALVA, the Guest of Honor at the Grand Opening of the park, will be our speaker.

Bring your picnic baskets with your favorite outdoor fare and we'll provide the punch. This will be a wonderful opportunity to visit a new Orange County park and renew acquaintances.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chairman Janet Tonkovich reports that she is pleased with the number of renewed memberships that have been received since January and thanks everyone for telling their friends and family members about OCPC. We have received dues from several new members this year. Membership forms and information can be retrieved from our website: www.OCPioneer.org or by contacting Janet (714-544-4377) or by email: janet@tonkovich.com.

WEBSITE

Please checkout the website www.OCPioneer.org. If you have information for the website please contact Janet Tonkovich (janet@tonkovich.com). Special thanks to Janet and Paul's son Greg Tonkovich for keeping our website current.

FROM YOUR TREASURER!

This is an opportunity to remind those of you who have not paid your dues for 2003 that we would appreciate that you do so. If you are not sure whether or not you have paid just give me a call – Barbara Oldewage (714-543-9681).

ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM

The presentation at the Annual Dinner in April was a big success with the addition of three new books. This brings the total of our interviews to approximately 100 volumes. We are now working on three interviews for the next presentation – Forbes Snow Freeman, Judge Robert Gardner, and La Habra Pioneers, Volume 4. There are many more stories out there to be told, so if you would like to participate in the program, please contact Eileen De Cair (949-552-6037). You need no experience just an appreciation of Orange County's heritage and a desire to get involved. The Oral History Program, now the Center for Oral and Public History (COPH), will be glad to train anyone who is interested, so please help us continue this valuable project. The telephone number for COPH is 714-278-3580. Please ask for Kathy Frazee.