

# Golden Nuggets

January 2010

## SCHS January Membership Meeting

→ Tuesday January 26, 7:00 PM ←

Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society Building  
5380 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento

Dr. Norman Tutorow:

*Lloyd Tevis: from Wells Fargo to Plan Nine from Outer Space*

At our January 26 general membership meeting, Dr. Norman Tutorow will give a presentation on Lloyd Tevis, Gold Rush entrepreneur and early president of Wells Fargo & Company. Dr. Tutorow is currently writing a book on Tevis' life, and providing us with an exclusive preview of his work in progress.

The presentation will trace the "Families of Lloyd Tevis" from before his birth on March 20, 1824, to the present time. Dr. Tutorow recommends that anybody interested in Lloyd Tevis' grandson John Cabell "Bunny" Breckinridge, Jr., the star of "Plan Nine from Outer Space," and portrayed in "Ed Wood," starring Johnny Depp, should see both movies before the talk.



James Cabell "Bunny" Breckenridge (seated)  
Descendant of Gold Rush entrepreneur Lloyd Tevis  
on the set of *Plan 9 From Outer Space*

## Sacramento Students Begin Oral History Project with SCHS Help

Prior to Dr. Tutorow's presentation at the January general membership meeting, we will hear from a group of high school students from Sacramento charter high school *The Met*. They are working on a school project to record oral histories of people who grew up in Sacramento. Many SCHS members are long-time residents of Sacramento, and these students are seeking people to interview in order to preserve a digital and written record of what Sacramento was like in past decades. Antonia Slagle, a teacher from *The Met*, will be available to answer questions about the project.

## SCHS Awards Night Sooner Than You Think

We have enclosed a form describing categories and actively seeking nominations for our Awards of Excellence. The dinner event is scheduled on March 26 this year. Please think about historical programs you have seen, area history publications you have read, or local organizations you are familiar with that have contributed great value to preservation, history, and history education in the Sacramento county area. Nominations close on February 5. This is the signature event of SCHS, and it is always an inspiring evening for all who love history. Mark your calendars now!

Member Renewal Letters  
Coming to your mailboxes  
At the end of January

## President's Column

By William Burg  
SCHS President

### What We've Done In 2009

*We have been extremely busy this past year with the following projects. With your help (you may volunteer to help on a specific project of interest without being a Board member) we hope to do more.*

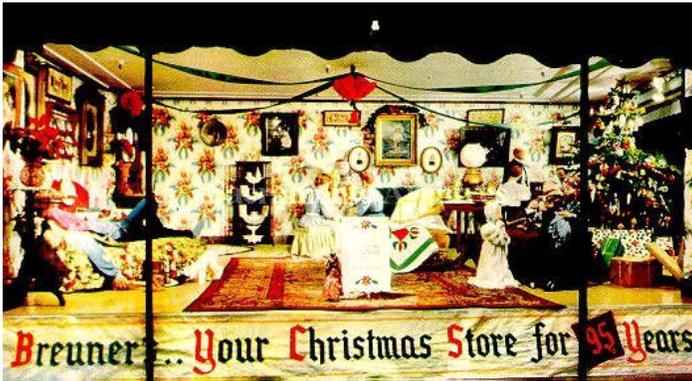
- \* We hosted presentations on local history by Greg Voelm, Derrel Fleener, Jim Dalhberg, Gary Kurutz, William Burg, Dennis Newhall, Mick Martin, and Mark Gaffney, on subjects varying from stagecoaches to local rock & roll.
- \* We held social events including the 2009 Awards Banquet, an evening tour of the Old City Cemetery, and a holiday party at the Sacramento History Museum.
- \* We conducted public outreach at the SOCA Home Tour, Sacramento News & Review "Third Saturday," Sacramento Preservation Roundtable and other events.
- \* We made improvements to the SCHS Web site, and started a SCHS Facebook group.
- \* We created an email list to keep members informed of SCHS activities.
- \* We worked with State Parks and the Sacramento History Museum to plan a full-time "Underground Sidewalks" tour in Old Sacramento.
- \* We wrote in support of preservation of the Chinese Diggings, a National Register listed historic site, conjunction with the Heritage Preservation League of Folsom.
- \* We launched a program to create and promote local history walking tours, in conjunction with Sacramento Heritage Inc. The first tour, a walk along K Street, was distributed at public events and is now online at <http://www.sacramentoheritage.org>.

*And there's more to come...*

### What We'll Do In 2010

- \* Starting next month, introduce a new SCHS logo and a professionally designed new look for *Golden Notes* and *Golden Nuggets*
- \* Restart production of *Golden Notes* on a quarterly schedule, and *Golden Nuggets* on a monthly schedule.
- \* In conjunction with the Sacramento History Museum and California State Parks, help to launch a regular tour program for Old Sacramento's underground sidewalks.
- \* In conjunction with Sacramento charter high school *The Met*, begin a program of oral history interviews to record and transcribe the stories of people who grew up in Sacramento in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- \* In conjunction with Gaffney Display Company and the Downtown Sacramento Partnership, SCHS will promote and organize a December 2010 holiday window displays event, based on the historic Breuner's store window displays that were once an annual feature of K Street. Fundraising and organizing has already begun for next year's event!
- \* Continue improvements to the SCHS Web site, including links with other local history organizations, and allow members to join and renew membership via the Internet.
- \* Continue the Sacramento History Consortium, encouraging cooperation and communication between local history groups throughout the region.
- \* Continue our series of presentations, events and publications, our outreach to other history organizations and the general public, and with your help, share and explore more of Sacramento County's history.

Please let us know if you have suggestions and, above all, renew your memberships when the form arrives. We value your support.



### 2010 Breuner's Holiday Window Display

The November 2009 presentation by Mark Gaffney to SCHS inspired a discussion about how to bring back the historic window displays. The meeting even inspired Grebitus Bros. Jewelers at 10th & L Street to host a small display of the historic Breuner's figures in their window, drawing media attention and many curious shoppers. It also inspired a plan for SCHS to sponsor a full-sized display for the 2010 holiday season.

Recreating a Breuner's display is more than just a trip down memory lane. It brings back a piece of Sacramento history, and provides a symbol of tradition and comfort that people of all ages can enjoy, even those too young to remember the original displays. The Downtown Sacramento Partnership has expressed interest in participating in the project and finding a downtown window for the display.

Gaffney Display Company has many of the Breuner's animated figures, but money is needed for their preparation, maintenance and delivery. Several descendants of the Breuner family have already offered their support, but more is needed for planning, construction and preparation of a window.

You can help by participating in the planning stages (which will start in July) and with your contributions. In 2010, a gaily-wrapped gift box will be at every SCHS membership meeting—its purpose is to collect donations for the display. Or, send your check to SCHS, specifying that it is to be used for the 2010 holiday display window.

### "Living Library" Speaker Series at Time Tested Books

Sacramento bookstore Time Tested Books has announced its 2010 "Living Library" speaker series. All presentations are free and take place at Time Tested Books, 1114 21st Street, in Sacramento.

January 17, 7 p.m.  
Russ Solomon, founder of Tower Records  
in conversation with David Barton

February 21, 7 p.m.  
Ginger Rutland, Sacramento Bee editor

March 21, 7 p.m.  
Darrell Corti, internationally recognized wine  
expert and Corti Bros. Market owner

April 18, 7 p.m.  
David Mogavero, architect

May 16, 7 p.m.  
Former Mayors Burnett Miller, Phil Isenberg,  
Anne Rudin & Heather Fargo

June 20, 7 p.m.  
Peter Schrag, Sacramento Bee editor

For more information about the "Living  
Library" series, contact Time Tested Books at  
(916) 447-5696 or [info@timetestedbooks.net](mailto:info@timetestedbooks.net)

### *Red Menace* at the Center for Sacramento History

On December 4, The Center for Sacramento History, Sacramento's city/county archives, opened its new public exhibit, *Red Menace!* It tells the story of Sacramento's 1935 Criminal Syndicalism Trial in historic photographs and artifacts, on display in the CSH Reading Room. The exhibit is viewable during CSH's public office hours through May 31, 2010. For more information, contact the Center for Sacramento History at (916)264-7072 or visit [www.centerforsacramentohistory.org](http://www.centerforsacramentohistory.org).

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## Out & About

| Date                   | Time          | Event  | Place & Contact   |
|------------------------|---------------|--|---|
| January<br>12 Tuesday  | 12:00 to 1 PM | <b>SCHS Board Meeting.</b> Monthly meeting to discuss Historical Society issues and plan events; all members are welcome.  | <b>Center for Sacramento History</b><br>551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., Sacramento   |
| January<br>26 Tuesday  | 7 PM          | <b>Historian Dr. Norman Tutorow</b> will give a presentation on Lloyd Tevis, Gold Rush entrepreneur and Wells Fargo president, and his family tree from before his birth to the present day. | <b>Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society Building</b><br>5380 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento<br>SCHS message phone: 916-443-6265 |
| February<br>9 Tuesday  | 12:00 to 1 PM | <b>SCHS Board Meeting.</b> Monthly meeting to discuss Historical Society issues and plan events; all members are welcome.  | <b>Center for Sacramento History</b><br>551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., Sacramento   |
| February<br>26 Tuesday | 7 PM          | SCHS Program   | To Be Announced   |