

Golden Nuggets

March 2010

SCHS Annual Awards Night Dinner

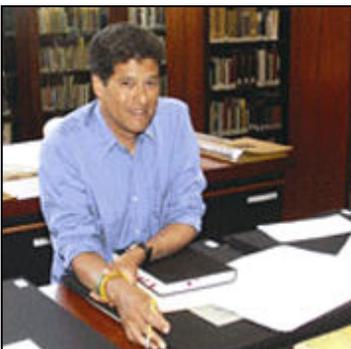
Featuring Sacramento Bee Columnist Carlos Alcalá
Sacramento Street Whys:

A Guide to Sacramento Street Names

Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society Building
 5380 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento
 Doors Open 5:30 PM, Appetizers at 6 PM

The excitement is building as Awards of Excellence Night draws near. The award recipients have been announced (see right column), and a very worthy group they are. This is always a truly inspiring event that attracts a great turnout. It is the historical society's annual recognition of those whose contributions to the heritage of Sacramento County represent everything this organization stands for. Besides good company, we'll enjoy a very nice dinner—from appetizers and beverages to dessert and coffee—for only \$20, and a fine speaker as well. Menu and reservation form are on page 3.

Our speaker, Sacramento Bee columnist Carlos Alcalá, also known as The Whys Guy, will focus his historical detective work and his wit on the origins (the Whys) of Sacramento street names. It should be enlightening- and fun! His book, *Sacramento Street Whys*, was named Best Reference Directory at the 2007 Northern California Authors & Publishers awards. Books will be available for sale and signing.



Above: Carlos Alcalá
 Photo: Linda Smolek & Inside Publications
 Right: Capitol Rededication,
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SCHS Awards of Excellence Recipients

Education

Sacramento River Delta Historical Society

Drawing volunteers from many small river communities, SRDHS created the Jean Harvie Resource Center, helped launch two historic sites, and continues to produce a variety of educational programs

Preservation

Bruce Booher Longtime rehabilitator of historic properties and preservation advocate, best known for saving the Globe Mills after a fire that almost caused it to be torn down, Bruce Booher has helped define preservation locally.

Publications

Steven Avella, *Sacramento and the Catholic Church: Shaping a City* Uber-historian Kevin Starr calls this 2008 groundbreaking work "heroically researched, vividly written [and] an important contribution to the history of California, the Far West and American Urbanism."

Special Achievement Award

Tom and Sallie Myers If Sacramento had an official city/county photo historian position, Tom and Sallie Myers would be a lock for it. For 35 years they have been everywhere, photo documenting historical and cultural events (see left), often donating photos to local organizations. We'll be sure to take a good photo of them receiving this award.

The medical museum will be open at 5:30 for those who would like to see it— and you should make the time if you haven't been there. Parking in the lot will fill up quickly, but free, on street parking is available. Carpooling is always a good idea.

We look forward to a very rewarding evening. Please join us!

President's Column

By William Burg
SCHS President



Part of the mission of SCHS is promoting history education for all ages. This month, some of our members will act as judges for Sacramento County History Day, which takes place on March 13 at American River College. History Day is a national event, and county-level winners can advance to state competitions, culminating in a National History Day Event held at the University of Maryland in June. In addition to providing judges, SCHS sponsors a separate award for a History Day participant, with a cash prize.

Our other project involving students is an oral history project, in conjunction with The Met, a Sacramento charter high school. Students involved in the project were introduced to the concepts of oral history interviewing, visited the Sacramento Room to do preliminary research, and have begun interviews with SCHS members who grew up in Sacramento. These interviews will be transcribed and archived. Both of these projects encourage the next generation of Sacramento historians, who learn the basics of research, interviewing, writing, and even applying for grants. They are greatly aided by our members' participation.

Because many of us believe that learning should be a lifetime pursuit, SCHS programs and publications are intended for all ages. Students who learn an appreciation for history often carry that appreciation into their adult lives. Some retain a casual interest in history, others become hobbyists and avid readers of history books, while a few may even pursue careers in the field. They may even join local history or preservation organizations, if those groups are prominent enough to reach the public eye, active enough to produce programs and publications, and civic-minded enough to encourage today's students to appreciate history. In this way, promoting history education at the local level helps us to sustain our membership!

Finally, SCHS has a new logo, a generous gift from Mary Helmich, and a new nameplate for these Golden Nuggets is very close. Some of us



—especially this month's editor, who couldn't resist sneaking in to do a newsletter mostly about her favorite event—think the design is pretty hot. It was done by Steve Ball at Creative Directions.

Steve was also hired to do the layout for the new SCHS publication *Sacramento's Breweries*. This 128-page work by local historian Ed Carroll kicks off the resurrected Golden Notes historical booklets, which we can and will publish far more often than the longer, costlier *Journals*. The remaining *Notes* will be mailed by March 5. Buy more books at Beers, the Center for Sacramento History (SAMCC), Time Tested, and Corti's market. The next *Notes* is already well under way. A few less newsletters, a lot more in-depth history is our motto.

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SCHS Annual Awards of Excellence Night
Dinner Menu

Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 6:00 PM

Catered by Vallejo's Restaurant

Assorted Soft Drinks
Assorted European Non-alcoholic Beers

Appetizers (6:00 PM)

Tortilla chips, red and green salsas

Entrees (6:30 PM)

Carnitas

Literally "little meats" are small pieces of seasoned, braised, then slowly roasted pork, producing a tender and caramelized chunk; Often served with onions, salsa, guacamole, cilantro, refried beans, and tortillas

Chicken Mole

Roast chicken topped with a complex, slightly sweet sauce that includes a variety of chiles, nuts and/or seeds, chocolate, spices, and various other ingredients

Alternate Entrees/Side Dishes

Spanish rice, salad with cheese, tomatoes, beans with cheese, roasted peppers, guacamole, sour cream, onions, cilantro, red & green salsa, pico de gallo (a less liquid salsa) and tortilla chips; veggie tamales and whole beans for strict vegetarians by order

Dessert

Cake and Decaf Coffee

SCHS "Awards of Excellence" Awards Dinner Reservation Form

Tuesday, March 23, 6:00 PM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Dinners: _____ x \$20= _____ Number of veggie entrees? _____

Make check payable to *Sacramento County Historical Society or SCHS*

Send to: Sacramento County Historical Society

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➡ Check must arrive by Thursday, March 18, at 5 PM ⬅
No tickets will be issued; we will have a check-in list at the door

Out & About

Date	Time	Event	Place & Contact
March 9 Tuesday	12:00 to 1 PM	SCHS Board Meeting. Monthly meeting to discuss Historical Society issues and plan events; all members are welcome.	Center for Sacramento History 551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd., Sacramento
March 14 Sunday	7 PM	SCHS and “Movies on a Big Screen” Present <i>Meet Mary Pleasant</i> documentary, featuring filmmaker Prof. Susheel Bibbs. Admission \$5.	Guild Theatre 2828 35 th Street, Sacramento www.moviesonabigscreen.com
April 3 Saturday	10 AM	Sacramento & CA History Cemetery Tour As spring flowers burst into bloom, join educator Bill Mahan for a who’s who tour of the city’s historic cemetery.	Old City Cemetery 10th & Broadway, Sacramento www.oldcitycemetery.com
April 27 Tuesday	7 PM	Carmichael Founder, Dan Carmichael Presentation by Susan M. Skinner, Carmichael’s favorite transplant from the Buckingham Palace press corps.	Sierra Sac Valley Medical Museum Bldg 5380 Elvas Ave, Sacramento www.sachistorcalsociety.org

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