

Thursday, December 11, 2014 – Unofficial Minutes for the Holiday Luncheon

In lieu of our monthly General Meeting, the Society held its annual Holiday Luncheon at the Chula Vista South Branch Library, from 11AM to 2PM. There was no call to order nor Officer or Committee reports.

Thirty-three members and guests attended and brought a delicious selection of salads, side dishes, condiments and desserts. Hospitality Co-Chairs Jo Ann Bonner and Jane Strawn had organized the event and provided the baked turkey and ham and the beverages. Members were also asked to bring canned goods and an unwrapped toy for the Salvation Army drive, and the overflowing boxes were a testament to our members' generosity.

President Virginia Taylor welcomed the attendees and then asked for a moment of silence for our two members who have passed away in the last year: Geni Powell and Kevin Brown. As she recognized those who'd been longtime members, she noted that over half of our membership have joined since 2010. Four who have been members for more than 20 years were recognized, as members tried to guess their identities from old photos: Nancy Yates, Sandy Palumbo, Mary E. Nelson, and Margaret Peters. Special recognition was given to Shirley Becker, who was awarded a Life Membership.

The new executive board members were installed for the 2015-16 year. Each was read the list of their duties of office and sworn in by a past Society president. New Treasurer Gary Brock was installed by Susi Pentico. Secretary Karen Yarger was installed by Shirley Becker. 2nd Vice President/Membership Chair Karen Smith was installed by John Finch. 1st Vice President/ Programs Chair Jane Strawn was installed by Randy Seaver; and President Virginia Taylor was installed by Gary Brock.

Ways and Means Chair Bethel Williams conducted the door prize drawings. Lucky winners were Joan Largey, who took home a Santa figure; Wendy Falkenhan, who won the angel; and Fran Cornell who took home the tasty-looking popcorn tree. Raffle drawings were next. Randy Seaver won a pretty centerpiece made by Jo Ann Bonner. Twelve other winners each took home a poinsettia plant. The raffle netted the Society a total of \$81.

The day's final activity was the optional gift exchange. Those who wished to participate brought a wrapped gift, with a value of no more than \$10. The lovely and practical gifts caused smiles all around.

Finally, there were a few announcements: Gary Brock requested that Board members provide him with a picture of themselves for use on the new website at <https://chulavistagenealogysociety.wildapricot.org/>. Education Chair Susi Pentico reported that the next workshop will be on Saturday, January 3 at the Bonita-Sunnyside Library, from 1PM-4PM, at which Sam Seat and Gary Brock will discuss *Wild Apricot* and the new CVGS website. She also announced that the January Lemon Grove workshop will be held on Wednesday the 21st from 6PM-8PM, but noted that February workshop will be on the second Wednesday of the month, February 11th. President Virginia Taylor reminded members that dues of \$25 are due by December 31st, and after that date they increase to \$30.

President Virginia Taylor ended the meeting at 1:46, but many stayed to chat and help with the cleanup.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Yarger
Secretary