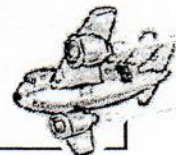


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December 6 Program: "The Silver Belles"

The SILVER BELLES began in 1987 with a group of Paso Robles Woman's Club members getting together to practice singing Christmas carols for the club's December meeting. It proved to be so much fun that they gave themselves a name, held regular rehearsals, bought outfits, and sang for local clubs and nursing homes. Liz Jenstad, a retired public school teacher, led the group for many years and entertained the Estrella Warbird Museum last year. Liz has retired and her position taken over by Eileen Panter of Atascadero. The SILVER BELLES will perform for us in December.

Donations received by the SILVER BELLES are used to establish a Memorial Music Scholarship to be awarded to a Paso Robles High School graduate planning a career in music. Please be generous with your donation and enjoy this very special holiday music.

George Marrett, Program Chairman

The Prez Sez...

"Time to give thanks and show appreciation"

I can remember when my parents would comment on how fast time was flying by and question the fact that another year was coming to an end. Now that I am 40-something I also feel time is passing us by with lightning speed. It has been six months since I accepted the prestigious title as "President of The Estrella Warbird Museum".

It has been a very active six months and our success is possible due to the support of our directors and members. I have had the pleasure of experiencing the completion of many major projects which have been in the works for several years. The talent and dedication of our members is the key to our success. It is truly a

December 6 Menu:

Please RSVP a.s.a.p. @ 466-1212

Christmas Dinner

Prime Rib

Horse Radish Sauce

Baked Potatoes/Sour Cream & Butter

Green Beans Almandine

Dinner Rolls

Gorgonzola Green Salad

Pecan Pie

Coffee/Iced Tea

Social at 6 pm, Dinner at 7, Only \$12 per

Please RSVP: 466-1212

pleasure to be associated with such a fine organization.

I am saddened to bring our members the news that in November we lost Bruce Toomey, one of our original charter members, and Dorothy Renton McBain, also one of our most dedicated members. It has been my pleasure to know Dorothy and appreciate her dedication of bringing her music into our hearts. I hope I can take the liberty and dub Dorothy as the "Entertainer". Dorothy's classical music was from a generation when it was the artist bringing the instruments to life without the influence of digital technology and fancy sound mixing devices. I wish Chuck and Betty Miller to take comfort with their loss of Dorothy knowing that we all appreciated her music and her gracious smile. We will continue to receive many benefits from Dorothy not only

from her music, but also with her gift of our "AED" life saving device. It was Dorothy that purchased our AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), which stands ready to assist in an emergency. Thank you Dorothy.

November was also a time for us to show our appreciation to our veterans with the flyover provided by our members of "Eagle Flight" at the Paso Robles Cemetery on Veterans Day. We must adjust our perception of our veterans. We are at a point in time when our veterans are not only those from conflicts of the past, but of current conflicts. I feel that we need to show our appreciation to all of our veterans and stand ready to show support to the most recent generation of American Heroes that face incredible dangers and make countless sacrifices every day to defend our freedom.

I wish to designate Don and Charmaine Peckinpaugh as our December "Crewmembers of the Month". Charmaine with Don's help has dedicated thousands of hours bringing our library up to speed. Charmaine and her volunteer crew has organized and cataloged the thousands of valuable books that have been so generously donated to the museum. We now have a true research library. Don keeps himself busy not only helping Charmaine with the library, but he can be found doing projects almost everywhere from "Freedom Hall" to helping with our Saturday lunches. Thank you to Don and Charmaine and so many of our members that make the Estrella Warbird Museum a great place.

Museum Musings By Betty Miller

Carol and I are almost ready to start the move into Freedom Hall. Long a dream, it is now close to reality!

We are hoping to get a mural of WW I aircraft involved in a dogfight over the fields of France painted on our east wall and another mural on our north wall of some Korean-era helicopters coming in for a landing at a M.A.S.H. unit.

We are desperately seeking a canvas tent in khaki or a tan color, for our new *Medical Corps Exhibit*. If you have one, or a portion of one, please call Carol or myself asap.

Thank you Braulio Quezada for that great looking gate at the bottom of the library stairs.

The Ronald Reagan Library trip was rescheduled for November 29th and I plan to have a full report at our December dinner meeting. I wish to thank everyone that so patiently waited for the rescheduled trip and for keeping their enthusiasm.

I wish to invite our members and guests to join us at our monthly dinner meeting December 6th to socialize with old friends and meet some new ones. Please call ahead so that we can provide an accurate count for our hard working volunteer kitchen crew led by Chef John Himes.

It is my honor to serve as president of the Estrella Warbird Museum.

Very Respectfully,

George Taylor

President Estrella Warbird Museum

"Honoring The Past, Inspiring The Future"

Museum Transition

During the transition into "Freedom Hall" our normal Museum displays and Gift Shop will not be available. However visitors are invited to enjoy our static Aircraft displays.

We will have the 1912 Ford model T and our WW I uniform as part of the exhibit showing the transition from the WW I medics to today. As part of this exhibit we will also feature the role of the military chaplain.

The "*Stagedoor Canteen USO Theater*" will house 8 seats and a TV with a DVD and VHS player so that our visitors can see some of the great videos we have about WW II aircraft and related items.

We are planning fresh new displays to whet your appetite so come to your Museum for a visit. We will have an ongoing program to offer education as well as honoring our men

and women of the "greatest generation".

Donors - Be sure you read the new Deed of Gift form. This replaces the former "Proffer of Gift".

We are still looking for....

1. Snapshots of folks at dances, picnics, etc during the 1940-1946 era. We will scan them and return your original to you, so check out that old scrap book you have been storing in the attic!

Betty and Carol

Betty-466-1212; Carol - 239-2637

DOCENTS for December 2006

Sat Dec 2 --10am-1pm Miner/Coulson

1pm-- 4pm Weiss

Sun. Dec 3 --12 noon - 3pm Johnson

Sat. Dec 9 --10am--1pm Blomquist

1pm--4pm Sacks

Sun. Dec10 12 noon--3pm Dolan

Sat Dec16 10am--1pm Dickey/Atkinson

1pm - 4pm Carlson

Sun. Dec17 12 noon --3pm Passon

Sat. Dec 23 10am--1pm Peckinpaugh

1pm --4pm Hermansen

Sun. Dec 24 12 noon--3pm Coirippo

Sat. Dec 30 10am--1pm Jackie Brooks

1pm--4pm ??

Sun. Dec 31 11 noon--3pm Weiss

High Flier

It has been a very productive month. Lots of volunteer hands busy working on the cataloging cards. Lots of members doing good works for the Library.

To name a few:

Braulio Aquezada, everyone who passes the stairs leading up to the library must stop and go "OOOOHHHH and AAAAHHHH!

ELECTION DAY-- THANK YOU

--to all Volunteers who helped with the Election Day precinct that we had here at EWM. ---

Connie & Dave Frayer;- Bob Kelly;-

Rob Kinnear;-Rosemary Netto;-

Charmaine and Don Peckinpaugh;-

Frank & Noreen Ragland; -Carol Weiss;-

and our Precinct Inspector;--- Ray Passon.

Thanks for a great job. *Jackie Brooks*

BUY A BLOCK

We need to pour some more cement for the display aircraft area. \$100.00 will buy a block with your name, or the name of a loved one. Call Rosemary Netto at 467-3521 to add yours today.

Membership News

Member updates:

Change

Randy Majewski to a family membership adding his wife "Cindy".

Add

Joe Griffith (regular member)
Paso Robles, Ca. 93446

Welcome New Members!

As the "Museum", continues to serve the community and our nation with the visual reminders of what our "Freedom" is about, we welcome more new members and supporters as we grow. Members, share this great experience with your friends. Ask them to visit, to join, and to share in our success. -- *Obbie*

Braulio did a great job, designing and hanging the new gate and Don has painted same and put finishing touches, by attaching the special plugs to the iron posts.

Wayne and Marcia Rice, who brought the very lovely old library case, (with etched glass doors), and it is already set in place. Rosemary came through with an electric typewriter.

Also, the Campbells are bringing books that are dealing with airplanes of the 40's and other ones that are of a significant interest for research. Thank you to all !!!

Pam Morrison and Mary Kelly have been busy doing the cards, plus Bob Kelly will be joining Don and myself in setting up new records for the cataloging, Joyce Carlson will be joining us in the year 2007. I will be calling for additional help in the new year, so don't hang up !!!

There will be more breaking news next month's newsletter, but in the meantime, (be sure to ask about the pictures taken on the day we moved the mannequins) !!!!

Keep'em Flying
Charmaine



Picture program growing

We want all of our members that were in the service (even the Army) to send or bring a picture of themselves when they were in the military. We will have them blown up to a 8x10 size , frame them, and hang them on the back wall of the Bar. We have already received about twenty of them and they are now hanging for all to see. We would prefer to have you guys in your working uniforms (utilities, fatigues, pilot outfits, etc.) so that all can see you as you were when you were working or in combat. Get the pictures to Gary, Betty, George, or just leave it at the Museum counter in an envelope. It is IMPORTANT that you put your Name, rank at the time, date and station/ship on the back so that we can identify these young kids that have changed so much over twenty or fifty (?) years ! I think it will be alot of fun and hopefully everyone will want to be part of it as it grows. Could have upwards of 100 pictures on the wall. For the members that were not in the service, send us a picture of yourself or we will take a picture of you working at the Museum. Please include \$ 3.00 for the frame and we will have the picture enlarged for you.

Gary Corippo- Director

FREEDOM HALL - Support

Help out and please donate to the Freedom Hall Fund Raising effort. Let's make it "100% support" from the membership. Your entire

Board of Directors were the first to donate and pledge, many of your fellow members have already done so, and we have the support of many from our Community as well. Now it's time for all of us to contribute whatever we can to get to 100%

DONATION FORM --- FREEDOM HALL

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Amount of Donation: \$ _____ **

**If you wish to pledge an amount and make monthly payments, please indicate here:

Send this form and your check to:

Rosemary Netto, Treasurer
Estrella Warbird Museum
4251 Dry Creek Road
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Or you may use your *Credit Card*! Please call Rosemary at 467-3521 between 7 am and 4 pm to arrange this .

Thank You!



Paso Robles EWM--Board of Directors Updated July, 2006

Obbie Atkinson, Ron & Jackie Brooks, Gary Corippo, John Cromwell, John Dolan, Dave Highland, Betty Miller, Chuck Miller (Past President 2005-6), Rosemary Netto, Don Peckinpaugh, Wayne Rice, Al Schade, George Taylor (President 2006-7), Glen Thomson, Tom Weiss, John Whitworth.

Special Event Schedule

- November 29 - Reagan Library Tour
- December 3, 3 p.m. Thomson Hall
Bruce Toomey services
- Tuesday, December 19, 2:00 p.m. -
Thomsen Hall, Celebration of Life -
Dorothy Renton McBain

Subject: Bruce Toomey, R.I.P.

Date: Mon, 13 Nov 2006 17:25:14 -0800

As you have probably heard, Bruce Toomey passed away this morning at 2 am.

Bruce was one of only eight (8) of the original charter members that still belong to the Museum, leaving only seven. He is on the Sept. 1989 list of original charter members.

I received the following partial Obituary for Bruce Toomey from Joan last night. I am forwarding it on not knowing who she sent it to, please pass the word. If you are interested, please email me and I will email you the full text from Joan regarding his life and accomplishments.

A celebration of Bruce's life will be held at 3 P.M., Sunday, December 3, 2006 at the Estrella Warbird Museum.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Bruce's name to the Estrella Warbird Museum, 4251 Dry Creek Road, Paso Robles, Ca. 93446
Rosemary- maryrose@tcsn.net

Dorothy Renton McBain

Dorothy Renton McBain, Life Member of Lightening Flight and Thunderbolt Flight passed away Thursday, November 16 at Twin Cities Community Hospital at the age of 97.

Dorothy was an enthusiastic member of the Warbird family and had been looking forward to the completion of Freedom Hall. Dorothy was a professional pianist and singer and was well known in music circles in southern California and the central coast. She began piano lessons at the age of 3 and made her debut with the Pasadena Civic Orchestra playing the Grieg Concerto in her early teens.

Her career as a piano soloist expanded into vocalist after she met a handsome young tenor named Arthur Renton, who was taking voice lessons from the vocal teacher she worked for. They began performing as a duo act and married in March of 1942 after Arthur joined the US Army Air Corps.

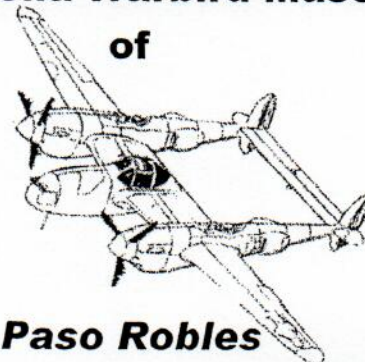
After the end of WW II, Arthur and Dorothy took their 5 year old daughter, Betty, and went to Milan, Italy for 2 ½ years to study opera. They did a 6 month concert tour of West Germany at the end of their stay in Italy, finally returning to the US where they continued performing with the Riverside Opera Company, and Los Angeles Light Opera Company.

In 1956 they settled in Atascadero, where Arthur's family had a 1500 acre ranch (Rancho Santa Catalina) and opened a music store there. After selling the music store they opened Paso Robles Travel Service in 1965. Arthur passed away in 1979 and Dorothy moved back to southern California where she married Don McBain in 1984. Don and Dorothy moved to Paso Robles in 1992 and Don joined the Estrella Warbirds. Don passed away in 1997. Dorothy moved back to Atascadero in 2003 and lived with Betty and Chuck Miller until her passing.

A Celebration of Dorothy's Life will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at 2:00 p.m. in Thomson Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Estrella Warbird Museum for "Freedom Hall". All donations should be sent to 4251 Dry Creek Way, Paso Robles, CA 93446.

The Estrella Warbird Museum

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You can help in lots of ways! We collect *new, unwrapped* toys throughout the months of November and December.

Donations:

Toys (\$15 to \$20 approximate value)

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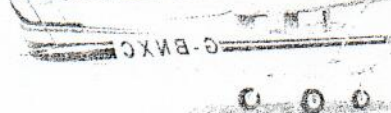
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