

OSLHP Newsletter - January 2004

President's Message

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to working on the play, women's history day and the bonnet promenade to name a few. Liz Fairchild has resigned her spot as Member at Large on the Executive Council, Virginia Perkins has agreed to fill the remaining of her term until elections.

General Meeting The next general meeting is Saturday, January 10, 10 to 12 pm at the Living History Center.

Executive Council Meeting The next executive council meeting is Tuesday, Jan 6 at 7 pm.

Volunteer Recognition

First, a belated thanks to Tina Carter for helping to write a story about the OSLHP for the Land Park news in October. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Santa Parade and the merry Christmas Carolers. Jan Sorci provided great musical accompaniment with her tambourine.

Did You Know?

Living on earth is expensive but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

Past Events

Sacramento Convention Bureau Holiday Party

With good food and cheer this was the kick off for the caroling season. Ray E, Terry E, Jan C, LaMona, Gail, Mary, and myself had a good time serenading visitors and tasting good food.

OSLHP Holiday Party

A great time by all. Members partook in a brunch prepared by Cucina de Amici at the Club House of Terry Nelson's mobile home park. Terry Eargle had great decoration and a fun time was had with the games.

Christmas Caroling

Except for the weather it was a lot of fun. Father Christmas joined the carolers when the weather cooperated and snow appeared in Old Sacramento. Kids of all ages enjoyed hearing the carols and meeting Father Christmas.

A Taste of History

Although poorly attended by guests, members Roy C, Barbara D, Mary, Gail, and Jan C caroled the night away. The food represented historical themes such as Gold Rush, the Depression among others and our table, beautifully decorated by Becky Rogers, a Victorian Christmas.

After School Program

Earl Warren Elementary The 18 kids are going strong. Except on a rare occasion they are all there waiting to learn about Sacramento history. The kids attend on their own accord and actively participate by doing homework, asking questions and reading aloud. They particularly like the collection of historical toys which are brought to class each week for them to play with. The next in class visit is scheduled for February 3. This will include items from their lesson on etiquette and manners. Perhaps a tea party will be scheduled. Time is 3:45 to 4:30pm. If you would like to volunteer contact Amy at 264-8142.

Important Facts

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you are on.

Coming Events

Love and Passion in the Gold Fields

If you would like to work behind the scenes and have not signed up, please contact Liz. Rehearsals will start January 6th and run every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 pm and Saturdays at 10 am. Performance dates are February 28 and 29 at the Towe Auto Museum. Members get in free to the dress rehearsal Friday, Feb 27 at 7pm or by volunteering to help.

Women's History Day

March 27th 11 am to 3:30 pm. Mary Carlson is the co-chair of this event. If you would like to make a speech please contact her. Requests for specific assistance in doing parts will be forthcoming.

New Member Training

The next training planning meeting is January 10 at 9am before the general meeting. If you want to volunteer to help plan or present a class contact Ken Knott.

Point to Ponder

If electricity comes from electrons does morality come from morons?

Who Are We?

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January is passing quickly. Last's years long term planning is coming to fruition with a partnership with the Sacramento Convention and Visitor's Bureau and walking tours. Please see additional information about the walking tours for more information. Also this year we are having member training after a 1 year hiatus. I have been receiving many inquiries about the program from the web site and from the City of Sacramento Volunteer Web site. I hope this will increase our membership. The web site is going well. I have updated it to include the yearly calendar and instead of sending the newsletters by email you can now download a copy from the site at www.oldsacramentolivighistory.com Check the newsletter information link. I hope to further end any problems with people opening attachments and pictures.

General Meeting

The next general meeting is Wednesday, February 11 from 7 to 9 pm at the Living History Center.

Executive Council Meeting

The next executive council meeting is March 9 at 7 pm. LaMona Hoover, has taken over for Virginia Perkins who took over for Liz Fairchild.

Volunteer Recognition

I would like to recognize Ken Knott for his efforts with the training Program, Mary Carlson for taking on Women's History Day and all of the cast of Love and Passions in the Gold Fields, it is their extraordinary time commitment that will make the play a success.

Newsletters by email

Instead of sending everyone a copy of the newsletter by email, you will now receive a notice when it is available to download at the Living History Program web site. This is a further effort to accommodate people who are having a hard time downloading the email and pictures. Please let me know if this works better. Phone numbers of chairpersons will be left out of the online newsletter for privacy concerns. Please refer to your roster for information.

Did You Know?

By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Past Events

January was quiet. Don't think anyone minds. Getting ready for the play and the new member training.

Coming Events

After School Program

Earl Warren Elementary The next in class visit is scheduled for February 3. This will include items from their lesson on etiquette and manners. A dinner party is scheduled. Time is 3:45 to 4:30pm. If you would like to volunteer please contact Amy at 264-8142.

Walking Tours

Thanks to the SCVB we will be conducting Walking Tours of Old Sacramento for an ongoing income for the OSLHP. Officially it starts March 6 and runs every weekend Saturday and Sunday at 10am. Tour prices will be

\$9 for adults, \$5 for children 7 to 12, \$7 for seniors, military and groups of 10 or more it is free to children under 6. This will need to be run by volunteers until a system can be worked out to pay guides beginning May 27 when the tour will become available Tuesday and Thursdays for the summer also at 10am. The money to pay guides will come from OSLHP's share of any profits. If we can do most of this by volunteer guides, the more money OSLHP can make. You only need to volunteer for one day to make a difference.

The SCVB will take care of reservations and promotions. The OSLHP will receive 70% of the profit, 20% to SCVB and 10% to the new foundation.

Test runs of the walking tour will be Feb 15 and 21 at 10am.

Please contact Amy to sign up for either a test tour or to reserve a date for a regular tour. You will need to make a 2 hour commitment in case there is enough people for 2 tours. Parking will be paid for by the OSLHP.

Love and Passion in the Gold Fields

I am pleased to announce that rehearsals for our spring play Love and Passion in the Gold Fields are well underway.

The cast is rehearsing devotedly three times a week Tues and Thurs evenings and Sat mornings. On Sat January 10th after rehearsal, the cast met at the Towe Auto Museum for a photo shoot, which also provided and opportunity to view the stage and technical set up. Towe Auto Museum Director Kristin Hartley and Events Coordinator Ian Holt were also on hand to meet many of the cast.

Jay Walker, Production Coordinator with Clear Channel has graciously agreed to be our production technician. Jay will be working closely with Ray Eargle on all technical aspects of the play. Many thanks to them both for volunteering their time and expertise. Barbara Dunne has generously agreed to be our Assistant Director.

Barbara assisted tremendously with script editing during the writing process. In addition to this new responsibility, Barbara plays the role of Miss Sarah Cope in the play. Penny Adams, along with new members Robert Flaherty, Greg Tracy and Shelly Green have all signed on as understudies attending their first rehearsal and getting right to work January 13.

Free Museum Day, Saturday February 7th, we will be at the Towe Auto Museum from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in two different shifts handing out flyers and meeting and greeting museum guests. The museum expects over 5000 visitors that day.

Be sure to watch KCRA Channel 3 at noon February 26th. Mary Carlson, Terry Eargle and I will be guests that day to talk about the play with Walt Gray.

Last but not least, my thanks go out to all cast and crew for their time and energy devoted to this production.

It's going to be a "really big show!"

P.S. From Amy: Members of the OSLHP can see the play free by coming to the dress rehearsal or volunteering to take tickets or help in some way. Call Amy at 264-8142

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The parade is scheduled for March 17th. We would need to be in place between 4 and 5pm If you are interested in walking in this parade let Amy know as soon as possible. Amy 264-8142.

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New Member Training

The next training planning meeting is February 11 at 6 pm before the general meeting.

The Old Sacramento Living History Classes are shaping up to be an interesting and informative series. New presentations this year will include amusements, material culture, lifestyles, language of the fan and writing with pen and ink, in addition to new approaches to the subjects of language, etiquette and medicine. Jan Bullard will be providing a PowerPoint presentation for a class in Historic Attire. If anyone can loan us a projector, let me know. As you can see the new class formats will offer something for everyone. New members as well as 'established' members, who are welcome to attend, will gain new insight and appreciation for life in the 1840's and '50's. Orientation will kick off the series of classes on March 13th, after the General membership Meeting. The first class begins the following Saturday, March 20, and the classes will continue until June 26th, with some Saturdays off for special events. Attendance at each class is not mandatory, but you will not want to miss any of our exciting series of classes!

Ken Knott, Class Coordinator

Easter Bonnet Promenade

This years Promenade needs a chairperson. LaMona Hoover has offered to provide guidance to anyone who is willing to take this on. This year's event will take place April 10th. We have been given \$300 from the Old Sac Merchant's Association to cover costs because they expect more people to attend. Contact Amy at 264-8142.

Bus Trip to Filloli

A bus trip is tentatively being scheduled in the spring or summer to go to the Filloli Mansion and Gardens. Sue Rembolt is gathering some preliminary information but a chairperson or 2 co-chair people are needed. Contact

Amy at 264-8142 if you are interested in helping to organize this trip.

Point to Ponder

Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside us.

As we slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never
point the wrong way.

I have reached the age where I realize my mind is like lightning. One brilliant flash and it's gone.

Ever notice that people who are late are much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

A Little Bit of History

In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon, but they had to find a way to prevent them from rolling about the deck. The best storage method devised was a square based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others.

The solution was a metal plate called a "Monkey" with 16 round indentations. But, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls quickly would rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make "Brass Monkeys." Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the

balls off a brass monkey". (And all this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you?)

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OSLHP Newsletter - March 2004

President's Message

Looking at our calendar we have a lot of activities. The Play went really well. If did not come you missed members of the program at their finest. The play had 153 ticketed people in the audience and made \$1,163.30 in proceeds. It made a small profit of \$100 but the real profit was in the happiness and hard work of everyone involved and reaching many new people.

I had the first planning meeting for Gold Rush Days and it looks as if most of it will be the same as last year, hours will go back to 10am to 5pm. There is already discussion about not hiring the same gun fighter groups back because of safety concerns.

General Meeting

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Executive Council Meeting

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Volunteer Recognition

This month's recognition has to go again to the staff, crew and members of the program who volunteered their time to make the play such a success. Many thanks to Ken for his organization of the training program which begins March 13 and his many helpers Jan Bullard, Terry Eargle and Terry Nelson.

Past Events

Love and Passion in the Gold Fields

Please see separate sheet for review and statistics on the play.

Free Museum Day

Members of the Living History Program were on hand at the Towe Auto Museum to promote the program, play and interact with the public. We passed out over 1000 flyers this day alone. By changing venues this year from the usual Discovery Museum I think it gave us an opportunity to meet people who don't know about the program and a network of assistance with the Towe Auto Museum.

After School Program

The kids are slowly losing interest. I think an evaluation of the program would be not to do such a long program and to break it up. The kids are now learning how to sew and are beginning to write their play to be performed the beginning of May.

Coming Events

Walking Tours

They are happening. Beginning March 6 at 10 OSLHP will be giving tours to the public. Currently the tours will run every Saturday and Sunday at 10 am through Labor Day. Costumed volunteers are needed to guide the tours, 70% of proceeds go back to the Living History Program. The tours will replace the strolls starting in April. Scripts are available and you will be given a bound script on 3 x 5 cards to carry during the tour. It looks as if the OSLHP will be able to pay a stipend to tour guides.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Finally! Wednesday, March 17. We need to arrive by 5:30 pm at Lot W behind the Railroad museum. I am working on getting us free carriage rides with the Convention Bureau. Please sign up immediately by contacting Amy.

Women's History Day

March 27th 11 am to 3:30 pm. Mary Carlson is working hard on planning the event. Times are 11:30 to 3:30. We could still use a temperance speech for or against. We will not be having a fashion show this year. The event takes place in and in front of the Visitor's Center 1104 Second Street.

New Member Training

Orientation will kick off the series of classes on March 13th, after the General membership meeting. The first class begins the following Saturday, March 20, and the classes will continue until June 26th, with some Saturdays off for special events. Attendance at each class is not mandatory, but you will not want to miss any of our exciting series of classes!

Ken Knott, Class Coordinator.

Easter Bonnet Promenade

April 10th. Shelley Green and Mark Hobbs are co-chairing the event with Amy. To volunteer for the Promenade or help with the egg decorating please contact any of the people before hand.

Bus Trip to Filloli

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OSLHP Newsletter - May 2004

President's Message

The time is passing quickly. It has been easy changing from 20 to 30 hours a week, still so much to do as always. April passed without much incident.

I had a good vacation with my family at the Grand Canyon. It was scary to watch a 2-year-old near such a deep drop but we managed.

I also saw a shoot-out on the way home in Oatman, Arizona. The Blue Canyon Gang does not have to worry about the competition from these guys! The only wild things in Oatman are the semi-wild, hand-fed burrows that wander the streets. All the merchants sold carrots for tourists to buy, which my sons would have none of, either being too old for such things or too scared of the burrow.

Historic Old Sacramento Foundation Update

Currently, the foundation is creating a mailing list for potential members and donors. If you or someone you know would like to be on this list let me know.

****New Mailing Address****

Our mail now goes to the Foundation at: OSLHP 1002 Second Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Meetings will still be at the old location 1101 Second Street. No changes in phone numbers are anticipated at this time.

General Meeting

At the time of this writing, the meeting time will be changed to 11 a.m. to accommodate the tours. Come at 10

a.m. and join the tour to learn the route and information. Make sure you attend the regular meeting at 11 a.m. to vote for next year's officers.

.Executive Council Meeting

Next meeting will be May 4th at 7 p.m. in the Living History Center.

Parking Applications

In order to receive discount parking passes I need everyone's application as soon as possible. This will make our parking cheaper. If you need an application contact Amy immediately.

Nominations

The nominating committee has recommended the following slate of officers for the 2004/2005 year:

- Vice President: Ken Knott
- Secretary: Mary Carlson
- Treasurer: Penny Adams
- Member at Large: Jan Bullard

The committee appreciates everyone's interest this year, as a reminder for next year to be considered for an office a person must be a member for 1 year prior to the election.

The election will be held at the May 8th general meeting. The above slate is not the final say for voting, a member may be nominated from the floor prior to voting for consideration on the ballot.

Volunteer Recognition

Sooo many people to thank for their participation this month.

- § First to Ken and his group in the training program, thanks for sticking with it and making this a great program.
- § Now to Shelly and Mark for stepping in and planning the Easter Bonnet Promenade. What a relief it was to leave and know it was in good hands.
- § To the people doing the walking tours, yes we may not have had much interest yet, but it is picking up.
- § Also thanks again to the nominating committee for preparing the slate of officers.
- § And last but not least, Sue Rembolt for gathering the information for the June bus trip.

If I missed anyone, I am sorry, please accept my gratitude for everything that has been done on behalf of the OSLHP.

PAST EVENTS

Easter Bonnet Promenade

The Bonnet Promenade was a success as always. All the ladies looked lovely in their Easter frocks and bonnets, the gentlemen were dashing in their finery. The Promenade started at the Discovery Museum, wound around the streets of Old Sacramento, and ended at the Waterfront Park where Shelly Green and Mark Hobbs had done a marvelous job of planning the fun events for the children of all ages.

The children decorated eggs with all sorts of different items donated by various members, there were also spoon and egg races for the children, and the games were finally finished with a raw egg toss for the adults. This was so popular, we were asked to hold another race. Prizes were awarded to the winners and fun was had by all.

Thanks to Ray Closs, Elyse Bagley, Mel & Dorothy Picanco, Ray Eargle (with no voice), Jason Hollingsworth, and Penny Adams who helped with the judging and races.

Penny Adams

The 2004 Easter Promenade and Activities In Review

The "Walk of Death" (as I have heard the Promenade referred to) claimed no members and had a goodly number of beautifully costumed OSLHP members as well as several ladies from the Red Hat Society...

- There were no fights or riots between the egg decorating participants, their parents, their guardians, or older siblings...
- There were no broken bones or eyes poked out ("Don't run with that... you'll poke your eye out!") from falling during the egg and wooden spoon races...
- The adults "played nice" during the egg toss contest and didn't seem to mind that the eggs were raw (or the fact that it was more than hot enough for the eggs to fry)...
- No one passed out from heat stroke, and/or prostration, before, during, or after the promenade...
- We were given a nice shady spot for all the egg activities...
- And there were TONS of smiles from the kids and adults...

We had plenty of supplies (with a few things left over for next year), four GREAT girl scouts to help oversee the egg decorating tables, and I am fairly certain we stayed under budget...

WHAT MORE COULD WE ASK FOR? (Maybe a few more members next to year to walk in the Promenade?)

A very special thank you to Mark, Jeff, Ken and Ray for hauling stuff and helping with set-up, take-down, and the numerous errands that helped make the day (and the heat) bearable. And, lest we forget our Fearless

Leader - thank you Amy!

Shelly Green

ONGOING EVENTS

After School Program

The After School Program is winding down. The kids have begun rehearsing their play, and it will be performed May 26th at their school sometime between 4 and 5 p.m. during the Multicultural Faire. I will make a tape so that we can view the kids' hard work.

Walking Tours

Currently the tours will run every Saturday and Sunday at 10 am through Labor Day. Costumed volunteers are needed to guide the tours, 70% of proceeds go back to the Living History Program. The tours will replace the strolls starting in April. Scripts are available and you will be given a bound script on 3 x 5 cards to carry during the tour. The OSLHP will be able to pay a stipend to tour guides if requested. Call Amy, 916-264-8142 to sign up.

New Member Training

Our new members are now on the final stretch, and the classes will wind up on May 22nd with new members presenting the results of their own research. Current members are cordially invited to come and learn from our new members and congratulate them on graduating.

I would like to thank Jay Lawson, Amy Whitlatch, Jan Bullard, Penny Adams, Andria Quinnell, LaMona Hoover, Elyse Bagley, Terry Eargle, Mel Picanco, Terry Nelson, Terry Melau, Jason Hollingsworth, Jim Lundsten, and all those who have lent their support, for their wonderful assistance.

Our class curriculum was upgraded this year to include some new subjects which I hope will improve the level of accuracy and authenticity of our portrayals and events. The positive feedback I have received from our new members has been very gratifying, and the classes have been a rewarding experience for both students and teachers.

Ken Knott, Class Coordinator

COMING EVENTS

Meet and Greet

May 5, 5 to 6:30p.m. at the Radison Hotel off of HWY 160. This is the opening reception for the Great Valley Center's annual Central Valley Conference. We are also looking for 1 or 2 people to come May 5 & 6 during the day in costume to interact with the conference goers. You will receive admission to the conference free. Please contact Amy to sign up, 264-8142.

Jazz Parade

May 28. I spoke too soon. After trying every wagon company in Old Sac, 6 to 8 weeks prior to the event I can not get a wagon or carriage. Be prepared to walk. Please arrive by 11 a.m. for best parking and the parade is at Noon. You will receive a pass to the Jubilee for your participation. Contact Amy: 264-8142 to sign up.

Pony Express Re-Ride

We have been requested to come to this event to not only celebrate the Pony Express re-ride but also provide meet and greet services for the opening of the new Interpretive Center, next to the Visitor's Center, and the official welcoming of the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation. Please come between 5:30 and 7pm for the events. We will meet at the Pony Express monument at 2nd and J Streets. The Pony Express ride is at 7pm.

Sign up with Amy.

Movie Night

Anyone interested in having a movie night? We have tapes to view from the play, as well as TV appearances, and now the school kids. Let me know if you would prefer May 27 or June 3. Both at 6:30 p.m. at the Living History Program. Majority vote will win. Bring your dinner and I will bring the popcorn. It should be 1 ½ to 2 hours.

Bus Trip to Filoli

We will be going June 5, 2004. We need to leave at 7:30 a.m. to make the 10 a.m. tour of the Filoli House and gardens. The trip will include a stop at Half Moon Bay for lunch and shopping. The anticipated time of return is between 6 & 7 p.m.

The cost is \$25 for members. If you are not a member and are interested I will place you on the wait list, and the cost will be \$35. Also included in the trip will be a continental breakfast, beverages and a snack for the way home. For reservation: Amy 264-8142

Miners' Diggin's

The Columbia State Historic Park has invited us to join in the fun again this year at the Miners' Diggin's Living History Event on June 3, 4, 5 & 6. Go to: www.ColumbiaCalifornia.com and then scroll down until you see: photos of last year's Diggin's. Saturday evening is Casino Night; always a big hit with the public and a BIG fund raiser for the Living History group in Columbia SHP. Anyone interested in going this year can contact me for information, directions, or possible ride-sharing.

Ken Knott

Run For The Arts

This will be our fourth year entering the event. A chairperson is needed to lead perspective runners/walkers. The date is August 6. I do not have a location yet. The event usually starts around 6:30 p.m. It is a 5K/3.2 mile course. All proceeds go directly to the Old Sacramento Living History Program. Each runner/walker will need to pay his or her own entry fee, which comes with a commemorative T-shirt. Please sign up with Amy.

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President's Message

I recently attended a conference sponsored by the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission. The conference was mainly about arts funding advocacy.

Did you know that the State of California only spends 3 cents per person, or a total of \$1.4 million, funding the arts? The other \$2 million is from federal grants and earned income. This is dead last in the United States and below many developed countries. While this does not count individual city/county funding, Mexico City alone budgets \$30 million for public arts projects and to fund arts programs.

I think California can do better. If you would like to advocate for better arts funding, write your legislator a letter or pick one up at the general meeting to mail.

Also, the interesting part of this conference was that all of the arts program administrators then marched to the Capital and demanded funding for the arts. It was a lot of fun.

(Change in phone number: Amy can now be reached by cell phone at 916-524-7249 not 916-825-9642)

Historic Old Sacramento Foundation Update

The foundation is creating a mailing list for potential members and donors. If you or someone you know would like to be on this list let me know.

Executive Council Meeting

Next meeting will be July 6th at 7 p.m. in the Living History Center.

General Meeting

The next general meeting will be Wednesday, June 9th, at the Living History Center. We will be discussing the results of the Gold Rush Day survey in detail.

New Officers

At the May 8th general membership meeting, members voted to elect the presented slate of officers. The 2004/2005 slate of officers is:

- Vice president: Ken Knott
- Secretary: Mary Carlson
- Treasurer: Penny Adams
- Elected Member At Large: Jan Bullard
- Appointed Member At Large: Jason Hollingsworth
- Immediate Past Vice President: Terry Eargle.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact any of these officers or Amy, the director.

Volunteer Recognition

I want to recognize everyone who has attended or presented a class for the training program. The training program has been a great success and we now have 6 new members and 8 semi-new members better informed. A big thanks to Ken Knott for his hard work and dedication.

Annual Membership Dues

Dues are now payable. Please pay by check or cash directly to Amy. Please make checks payable to the

HOSF.

Dues are:

- Individual \$25
- Families \$35
- Senior \$12
- Senior family \$16

A fee waiver can be requested by speaking with Amy. All information is kept confidential. Dues paid after Aug. 1st are delinquent. A reminder will be sent in September, and if no response is given then you will be dropped from membership. New members do not need to pay dues until after one fiscal year has past.

Events Planning Committee

An events planning committee is being formed to plan next years events and provide ideas for new events as well. The first meeting is June 17th at 6:30pm at the Living History Center. You will not need to attend every event to help plan. Everyone is welcome to attend. Sign up with Amy.

Bus Trip to Filoli

The bus trip has been canceled for the time being. You should have received your check back in the mail. At the June 9th meeting there will be discussion about carpooling to the gardens.

PAST EVENTS

Great Valley Center Conference

I had a lot of fun with this conference. Amy, Jan, and Jan's grandsons played children's games with all of the

adult attendees of the conference. At the reception Ken and Susan joined Amy for a fun evening entertaining guests and selling rooms for Mrs. Shurr's (Amy) boarding house. No one took us up on the offer on the account of there might be fleas in the mattresses. -Amy Whitlach

Gibson-Ranch Civil War Reenactment 2004

On May 2nd, 16 members and friends of OSLHP trekked off to the Virginia countryside (Gibson-Ranch County Park) as guests of California Senator John Conness (Jason Hollingsworth) as a "Thank You" for their support in his recent campaign victory.

We devoured a grand Victorian picnic and watched as Federalists and Secessionists blew their brains out on the meadow we overlooked. It was great spectator sport brought to a new level.

Amidst silver, crystal, and china, set upon a brocade table covering, we enjoyed roast beef, fried chicken, baked ham, a period-appropriate potato salad, roasted carrots, asparagus and dipping sauce, tomatoes and onions, General Jackson's chutney, a variety of olives, biscuits, banana bread and butter, ambrosia, and apple pie, accompanied with lemonade. It was a wondrous repast indeed!

Those attending were Mel, Dorothy, and Amy Picanco, Elyce Bagley, Jim Lundsten, Wanda Leventin, Ray Closs, Ken Knott, Shelly Green, Mark Hobbs, Christi Schenk, accompanied by her friend Jim, and lastly, Jason Hollingsworth.

Also on site were Bob Flaherty, Greg Tracy, and Garth Neikirk in their uniforms. Bob brought his wife who took pictures. Garth was astride Gypsy, his trusty steed. It's really good to see him back in the saddle again after his accident. Gypsy gifted us with an elephant-sized BM! Good Gypsy.

The Sutlers were very much in evidence and well stocked. Local favorite Nita Newman was there in a huge T-

shaped tent that had everything imaginable except 1850's playing cards!

This event offers us a perfect opportunity to get together, learn something about the 1860's and the Civil War, and enjoy our own company without having to "gig," except when someone in their inappropriate attire stopped by to ask, "Whattcha doin'?" Duh?

The Gibson-Ranch web site (www.gibson-ranch.com) says the Sacramento County Parks and Recreation Dept. has found funding available to maintain the park for 1 more year. Yeah!

-Jason Hollingsworth.

Completion of New Member Classes

As training coordinator, I am pleased to announce that the 2004 classes were completed on May 22nd. We had a total of 10 classes covering Early Sacramento History, Moral Culture, Material Culture, Women's History, Guns, Character Development, Research, Popular Culture, Gambling, Etiquette, First Person Presentation, Language, Medical Practices, Penmanship, Improv, Women's & Men's Historic Attire, and Gold Rush Music; 18 subjects total. On May 22nd, the students took over the role of teachers and presented the fruits of their independent research.

The following new members have successfully completed the training program:

- Ruth Chambers
- Ashley Sianz (with her parents Frank and Nancy)
- Douglas Peterson
- Sandra Hand
- Greg Tracy

- Shelly Green
- Mark Hobbs

We have been assured that they survived the ordeal with almost all of the parts that they started with, and may have picked up some more along the way. I'm sure that they would take it kindly if they were to be congratulated upon their graduation. -Ken Knott

After School Program

The play finished as well as expected. A case of stage fright wiped out the entire cast and most lines were either given or ad-libbed. A funny ending to a great program. The kids had fun with the play and about 40 people watched it.

Jazz Parade

The parade went well despite not having a carriage. Thanks to Mel for making sure the application was turned in and we were in the right spot. The following members participated: Mel and Dorothy Picanco, Elyse Bagley, Ray Closs, Ken Knott, Ruth Chambers, Bob Flaherty, Greg Tracy, Penny Adams, Amy and her son Ronny.

On Going Events

Walking Tours

Currently the tours will run every Saturday and Sunday at 10 am through Labor Day. Costumed volunteers are needed to guide the tours, 70% of proceeds go back to the Living History Program. Scripts are available and you will be given a bound script on 3 x 5 cards to carry during the tour. The OSLHP will be able to pay a stipend to tour guides if requested. Call Amy, 916-264-8142 to sign up.

COMING EVENTS

Movie Night

Anyone interested in having a movie night at the Living History Center? We have tapes to view from the play, as well as TV appearances, and now the school kids. Bring your dinner and I will bring the popcorn. It should be 1 ½ to 2 hours. Please sign up with Amy.

Miner's Diggins

The Columbia State Historic Park has invited us to join in the fun again this year at the Miners Diggins Living History Event on June 3, 4, 5 & 6. Saturday evening is Casino Night. Anyone interested in going this year can contact me for information, directions, or possible ride-sharing. (You can see photos of last year's Diggins at their web site: www.columbiacalifornia.com.)

-Ken Knott

Volunteer Appreciation Day

It's that time of the year again. Volunteer Appreciation Day will be July 18th. We will start at 1:45 p.m. for awards and refreshments at the Living History Center and then enjoy a sightseeing cruise on the Spirit of Sacramento. Please plan to stay until 4 or 4:30 for the cruise. This event is free to members. If you would like to bring a guest it will cost \$5.

Please turn in your volunteer time sheets by June 30th to be considered for awards at Volunteer Appreciation Day. Volunteer time sheets are to record your activities relating to OSLHP that are not placed on event sign in sheets. Awards will be given for most active member, most active new member, and membership recruitment. Also presented will be awards to everyone for their participation and commitment to the OSLHP.

Run For the Arts

This will be our fourth year entering the event. A chairperson is needed to lead perspective runners/walkers. The date is August 6th. I do not have a location yet. The event usually starts around 6:30 p.m. It is a 5K/3.2 mile course. All proceeds go directly to the Old Sacramento Living History Program. Each runner/walker will need to pay his or her own entry fee, which comes with a commemorative T-shirt. Please sign up with Amy.

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OSLHP Newsletter - July 2004

President's Message

What a year. Congratulations to everyone for all of the hard work this past year. I can not believe that there was over 5,000 volunteer hours. Looking to next year the OSLHP needs to keep up the momentum and keep reaching into the community.

Executive Council Meeting

The first meeting of the council for the new fiscal year and new officers will be July 6th at 7pm at the Living History Center.

General Meeting:

July 10th at 10am. Potluck Lunch: After the general meeting everyone is invited to a potluck lunch to watch videos of activities from the past year. A-G Bring a dessert, H-N Bring an entrée, O-U bring a side dish and V-Z bring an appetizer. OSLHP will provide beverages and paper products. Plan to stay until 1:30 or 2 p.m.

Annual Report

The second Annual report to members will be available at the July 10th general meeting. If you do not attend one will be mailed to your home.

Annual Membership Dues

Dues are now payable. Please pay by check or cash directly to Amy. Please make checks payable to the HOSF.

Dues are:

- Individual \$25
- Families \$35
- Senior \$12
- Senior family \$16

A fee waiver can be requested by speaking with Amy. All information is kept confidential. Dues paid after Aug. 1st are delinquent. A reminder will be sent in September, and if no response is given then you will be dropped from membership. New members do not need to pay dues until after one fiscal year has past.

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PAST EVENTS

COLUMBIA DIGGINS 1852

by Ken Knott

The Diggins is a mystical place that comes to life Brigadoon-like once a year on the first weekend in June down in the old gold rush town of Columbia. The structures there are a collection of wood frames covered with canvas, substantial wood buildings with a smattering of canvas tents. The more prominent buildings are the American Hotel, the Star Spangled Banner Saloon, and Cazneau's Exchange & Theater.

This was my fifth year at the Diggins, and the docents there really make me feel welcome; I think I have become part of their community. I set up my Faro Bank in Cazneau's Exchange, the Saloon that shares the building with the theater. The theater is really the social center for the Diggins as everyone shows up to enjoy the music and songs performed there. The performers needed someone to be the announcer and I volunteered. Pretty soon I was portraying Col. Cazneau, the proprietor. The musical performances included: The Celebrated and Illustrious Chapman Theatrical Troupe, with The Duchess of Dixie, and Mademoiselle Comfort Goodman, Los Californios, and The Free and Accepted Minstrels of Old New Orleans, a wonderful variety of gold rush music including such tunes as "Hangtown Gals," "Wait for the Music," "Camptown Races," "Old Dan Tucker," and "Dandy Jim from Caroline."

Old Sacramento Living History was represented by Biscuits, Jim Lundsten and Wanda Garnett, and yours truly. Several of the Sutter's Fort docents were there, as well as docents from Coloma, San Diego, Monterey, and Bodie. If you would like to go next year, let me know and I will give you all the particulars.

ONGOING EVENTS

Walking Tours

In June, we started doing a Wednesday tour because of inquiries. The person hired to do Saturday and Wednesday tours, Addie Spoon, also works as a greeter for 1 hour passing out information about OSLHP programs. If you see Addie say "Hi."

Event Committee

The event committee met June 17th for 2 hours discussing events for the next year. Please see the attached calendar of events. New this year will be teacher workshops, mini-after school programs, and possibly Family History Days. We are revisiting a holiday program. Volunteers are needed to help plan Ghost Tours and a

Holiday Program.

COMING EVENTS

Volunteer Appreciation Day

The past year members and friends of the OSLHP volunteered over 5,000 hours. YEAH!!!! This is mostly by event sign in sheets. I wonder what it would be if everybody tracked their personal time as well? Special awards will go to Volunteer of the Year, New Volunteer of the Year, Member Recruitment and a new award this year entitled the Director's Award. Officers and committee chairs will also be recognized.

Woodland's "Stroll Through History"

Mark Your Calendar: Members of the OSLHP have been invited to help with Woodland's "Stroll Through History." This event lasts most of the day with historical tours of their Victorian Homes, a Fashion Show, Craft Show, and historical re-enactors at their cemetery. For more information please call Frank Jules (530) 666-3223. Amy has a copy of the press release if anyone wants to read it.

Run For the Arts

If I don't have a chairperson by July 10th we will not be doing it this year.

The Gold Rush Days

Planning Committee

All venues will need help in the afternoon hours. The following items were approved:

- Food: Sandwich vouchers will be given to anyone who works 4 hours, snacks and beverages will be provided to all volunteers and coffee and donuts will be provided for breakfast.

- Saloon will stay the same, although the site may move a few feet.
- Penny Adams will head the Proper Ladies' area.
- Jan Sorci will head the Children's area.
- Green Room: will be smaller, but the OSLHP center will be open from 12:30 to 5 p.m. to provide air conditioning and a place to eat lunch.
- Jan Bullard and Terry Eargle are heading the Stage area.
- Venues: Blacksmith, saloon, phrenology, CA militia, proper ladies' area, children's area, stage/entertainment.
- Site layout: Ken Knott and people with venues.
- Rotating venues will be: Writing master, medical shows, auctioneer, puppet show.

If you are planning on a stage act of some sort Terry and Jan will need the information about timing and props by August 1.

August Newsletter

The August newsletter will be devoted entirely to Gold Rush Days. It may arrive late, but don't worry.

CAN'T DO vs CAN DO

We've never done it before

We have the opportunity to be first

It's too complicated angle

Let's look at it from a different

We don't have the resources

Necessity is the Mother of Invention

It will never work

We'll give it a try

There's not enough time

We'll reevaluate some priorities

We've already tried it

We learned from experience

There's no way it will work

We can make it work

It's a waste of time

Think of the Possibilities

It's a waste of money

The investment will be worth it

We don't have the expertise

Let's network with those who do

We can't compete

We'll get a jump on the competition

It's good enough

There's always room for improvement

It can't be done

It'll be a challenge

I don't have any ideas

I'll come up with some alternatives

It takes too long for approval

We'll walk it through the system

It's not my job

I'll give it my best

I can't do it

I can do it!

As a group we can accomplish amazing results; the whole is greater than its parts. We can do it if we all work together!! -Ken Knott

Meeting at Night

by Robert Browning

From the New Oxford Book of Victorian Verse

The gray sea and the long black land;

And the yellow half-moon large and low;

And the startled little waves that leap

In fiery ringlets from their sleep,

As I gain the cove with pushing prow,

And quench its speed I' with slushy sand.

Then a mile of warm sea-scented beach;

Three fields to cross till a farm appears;

A tap at the pane, the quick sharp scratch

And blue spurt of a lighted match,

And a voice less loud, thro' its joys and fears,

Than the two hearts beating each to each. - Terry Nelson

1800s Inventions

- The collapsible opera hat, 1823.
- The first waterproofing process for fabric, 1823.
- A machine for making cloth covered buttons, 1827.
- The first harmonica was made in 1829.
- A machine for making solid headed pins was patented in 1831.
- Shoes with rubber gores were made commercially available in 1836.
- The lock-stitch sewing machine was patented in 1841.
- The vulcanizing process for rubber was discovered in 1843.
- The first mechanical washing machine AND the 1st zinc washboards were introduced in 1848.
- The home sewing machine was a viable product by 1851 but not out of the patent pool until 1856.
- Multi-needle embroidery machines were used industrially in the 1850's.
- Parasols with U-shaped steel ribs were patented in 1852. Handles are wooden attached to a metal rod.
- Aniline Dyes were finally feasible in 1856. First was mauve, followed in 1858 by magentas, fuchsia, purple, blues, and green. Then coral, bright blue, violets, bright pink, 'glaring' greens, bright yellow, and every kind of red, as well as dirty grays and browns

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OSLHP Newsletter - September 2004

President's Message

The OSLHP continues to grow in many unseen areas. In August, for the first time outside of GRD, the museums in Old Sac finally got together to plan joint programs and training. New programs for next year will include an Old-Sac-wide Gold Rush themed tour for school groups and an Old-Sac-wide Women's History Day. Requests for tours and meet-and-greets are up, and we can expect to be busy throughout the year. Without the wonderful support and experience from every member, new and old, none of this could happen. Thanks to everyone.

Executive Council Meeting

The next executive council meeting will be held Sept. 16th at 7pm in the OSLHP center.

General Meeting:

The next general meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 18th, for a Gold Rush Days recap, 10am in the OSLHP center.

PAST EVENTS

Gold Rush Days

GRD will be in October newsletter.

Walking Tours

102 people participated in July. Everyone is doing a great job. While the public tours will end Sept. 29, school tours and tours by reservation will continue throughout the year. Also, Reserve America will be taking

reservations for school tours, Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 1 through November 30.

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COMING EVENTS

Living History Riverboat Cruise

Tuesday, Oct 12, 10:30am to 1pm. Lunch will be provided. This cruise will be mainly meet and greet with visitors and provide a small program highlighting Sacramento history and character presentations. You will need to be in costume. To sign up: Amy

Ghost Tours

Thanks to all those who already signed up. We will have a meeting September 18th after the GRD review meeting. Bring a bag lunch or plan to buy. Meeting is at 12:30pm.

Red Hat Society Walking Tours

October 2, 10:30 and Noon. Guides and assistants are still needed for these tours. Amy

Historic Old Sacramento Foundation Meet and Greet

October 7, 5:30 to 8pm, at the Firehouse Restaurant. This is the first fund-raiser for the Foundation. Members are needed to mingle with guests and staff an information table. Appetizers and drinks provided. Amy

Wednesday Jazz Concert Series

Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, and Oct 6. 5:30 to 8:30pm. Costumed members are needed to come and sell raffle tickets during the concerts, all dates but Sept 8 are still open. Amy

Lamplight Tours

December. If you are interested in helping plan or participate in this event please contact Ken Knott

Santa Parade

November 27, 2004. If you are interested I helping plan or participate please contact Penny Adams

Who Are We?

Widow Chambers aka: Ruth Chambers

My name's the Widow Chambers. You can see the Clan Cameron tartan in the ribbon I wear. My family was part of the great English-Scot-Irish immigration to this country, that's Scot or Scottish, not "Scotch" - Scotch is a drink.

I made my dress. It was burned in the skirt while cooking by a campfire. Fire was the number two cause of death in women of my time. A slave dumped a keg of cider on me to quench the fire, so I've been baptized twice: once with blessed water and once with the fruit of Eden. The run-away slave had been on his own, in hiding, but earned his keep with the wagon train by fetching kindling and tending campfire. I gave him the gold coin I had. His name was Ned.

I traded my dead husband's shoes for a skirt to cover the burnt part of my dress. Included in the trade were two young lady's' pinafores. I made my apron out of them. Wagon people mostly bartered for necessities. Well, so much about my wearin's.

When Mr. Chambers and I married, there was nary a word against it. I was a Cameron and Mr. Chambers was

Clan Cameron, too. We performed in The Chambers Street Theatre in New York, then Mr. Chambers had a mind to go to the Gold Rush, and we started the great trek from East to West. As we camped high the Rockies for a spell, the cholera finally took the wee bit of life left in his body. The pestilence took Mr. Chambers as it did so many. He sleeps now beneath the soil of the Great Plains, with his feet toward the west and his dreams of gold, his pain of this earthly life over...by the blessed mercy of our Lord. Amen.

Upon my oath, this is how I became The Widow Chambers and came to abide in Sacramento City. I found fittin' work baking pies and selling them on the street. The particulars of how I started my business are simple: I sold my long hair to a wig maker. After a while, I had set aside enough, so I reckoned I could start a jollification, and that's how the street puppet show began. I call it The Chambers Street Theatre...By the blessed mercy of our Lord. Amen.

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Planning Calendar

September 2004

3-6- Gold Rush Days

16 - Executive Council, 7pm

18-Gold Rush Days recap, 10am

October 2004

8/9, 15/16, 22/23- Ghost Tours, 6:30 to 9pm

13- General Meeting, 7pm

November 2004

9- Executive Council, 7pm

13- General Meeting

27- Santa Parade, 9am to Noon

December 2004

4- OSLHP Holiday Party, TBA

11 or 12- Old Sacramento Holiday Event/Program, TBA

January 2005

4- Executive Council, 7pm

8- General Meeting, 10am

February 2005

5- Free Museum Day, TBA

9- General Meeting, 7pm

TBA- Teacher Workshop

TBA- Women's History Day

March 2005

8- Executive Council, 7pm

12- General Meeting, 10am

17- St. Patrick's Day Parade

26- Easter Bonnet Promenade, Noon

April 2005

Sat/Sun- Walking Tours 10am

13- General Meeting, 7pm

May 2005

Ongoing: Sat/Sun- Walking Tours 10am

10- Executive Council, 7pm

14- General Meeting, 10am

27- Jazz Parade, 11am

June 2005

Ongoing: Sat/Sun- Walking Tours 10am

8- General meeting, 7pm

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President's Message

Thanks to everyone for yet another successful event. Ghost Tours went fabulously and we grossed over \$8700 over 3 long weekends. Please see the Ghost Tour review for more. On a personal note, thanks to everyone for their outpouring of support to my mother, former member, Susan Goodrich. She is recovering at home from a very mild stroke.

New Members

Welcome to Sharon and Dennis Freitas, Isaac Moll, and Dana Gonzalez and his family. Please look for their information in the new roster.

Executive Council Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7 to 9pm. Members are invited to attend to observe and comment.

General Meeting

November 13, 10 to 12pm, at the OSLHP center.

Found

An antique bottle in the trash after Gold Rush Days. If you wish to claim it, contact Ken Knott

"An American in Paris"

Melanie Lytle, one of the leads in our play last February, is currently in Paris going to school, and I am certain she would love to hear from members. If you would like to write to Melanie, her Paris address is: Melanie Lytle, CSU * 5 Rue du Quarre Septembre 13100 * Aix-en-Provence * France. -Mary Carlson

A Recent Encounter

Prof. Dodge was recently accosted during his perambulations of Old Sacramento by a woman who had a phrenology reading done of her head during Gold Rush Days, who complained that her boyfriend broke up with her after learning that the good Professor had recorded her Amativeness as a '2' (below average). Prof. Dodge was obliged to explain to the distraught woman that this rating of her propensity for amorous relations with the opposite sex merely delineated the possibilities that she had in this regard to her interest in physical desire, but that since she had acted upon it by informing her paramour and thus precipitating his decision to break off their relationship, it thereby proved the veracity of his interpretation. The woman left in a decided condition of apoplexy. - Ken Knott

PAST EVENTS

Sold Out Ghost Tours Got Rave Review

A gentleman taking photos caught my eye during the last of the Ghost Tours on Saturday evening, Oct. 23rd. As Professor Flatbroke B. Dodge, I pulled open the curtains to reveal the head of Joaquin Murieta in a jar, the audience let out an audible gasp and the flash from a camera went off, momentarily blinding me. It was Dan Dullum, staff writer for the Senior Spectrum, and you may read his review of the OSLHP Ghost Tours in the October 26th issue featuring Ruth Chambers on the cover, available select newsstands in Sacramento.

The Ghost Tours were a smashing success for OSLHP, and the credit goes to the many members who volunteered to participate by playing roles, guiding the tours, and providing tour escort service.

A thousand thank-you's to Jan Bullard for developing the scripts, organizing the tours, and being a Guide, to Amy Whitlatch for being a Guide and participating as Rosita Murieta & the Bordello Madam, as well as providing sustenance and refreshments, Greg Tracy, as Guide and Sheriff McKinney, Mel Picanco as Escort, Mary Carlson as Mother Baldwin, Terry Eargle as Rosita Murieta, Ray Eargle as the Prisoner & Sheriff McKinney, Penny Adams as Mother Baldwin & Escort, Eileen Carey as the Firebug, Karen Leni as the Firebug

& Mother Baldwin, Shelly Green as the Bordello Madam, Terry Melau as Sheriff McKinney, Jane Sianez as Rosita Murieta, Frank & Ashley Sianez as Escorts, and new members David Marquette as Judge E.B. Crocker, Issac Moll as the Nose Man & Escort, and Dana Gonsales as Sheriff Mckinley.

I would also like to personally thank Ray Eargle, Mark Hobbs, Joe Carrasco, and Jason Hollingsworth for their stellar performances as the Head of Joaquin. Ken Knott, V.P.

Ghost Tours Recap

I would like to announce that gross proceeds for Ghost Tours exceeded \$8700, we did 22 tours and had 600 guests. After expenses we raised \$6,279.93 for OSLHP. Our biggest expense is paying for the time of the people at the visitor's center who took all the reservations, calls and payments, in addition to staying open late hours to assist.

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COMING EVENTS

OLD SACRAMENTO HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

"Old West Family Holiday Show"

Members of the OSLHP are encouraged to volunteer to assist selling tickets and promotion of this show

November 26-28 and December 3-5 at the Eagle Theater. Times are Fridays: 6:30 and 8pm, Saturday 2,4 and 7pm, Sundays 2 and 4pm. Christmas caroling and Father Christmas will be scheduled around these days and times to help bring in the crowds. More information to come.

Santa Parade

November 27, 2004. If you are interested in helping plan or participate please contact Penny Adams 922-0084.

OSLHP Holiday Party

The 2004 OSLHP Holiday Party will be December 4th 11am to 1pm at La Tarazza Mexican Restaurant in Old Sacramento. Cost will be \$5 for members and guests \$15. Menu options will include a choice of a chicken or beef dish with rice, beans, chips and salsa. Payment needs to be made by November 27th to Amy by check or cash.

Lamplight Tours

December 10, 11, and 12. Times: Friday: 6:15 pm and 7:30 pm, Saturday: 5:00 pm, 6:15 pm, and 7:30 pm , and Sunday: 3:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 6:30 pm.

This is a fundraiser for the OSLHP/HOSF. We will be providing the vignettes for visitors to see and view. The tour guides will be the same people who are putting on the Old West Holiday Show. If you are interested in helping plan or participate in this event please contact Ken Knott

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