

## YOUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN 2014

- **Programs** – We toured the Veterans Memorial Building and hosted presentations on the histories of the John Marsh house, the Anza Trail, the El Cerrito High School music department, East Bay MUD, and the East Bay Regional Parks District.
- **Publish** – We published bi-monthly issues of “Sparks” with Society announcements, and 3 issues of “The Forge” with background information about coming programs.
- **Cooperate** – We cooperated with other local organizations, including the Garden Club on the Memorial Grove, the Rosie the Riveter Trust on the F&P Cannery, TrailTrekks at the Hillside Festival, and the Shadi Display Committee on Mr. Shadi’s personal story.
- **Participate** – The Society had booths at the MLK parade event and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.
- **Pioneers** – The Society hosted a “Pioneer Reception” at City Hall for El Cerritans 85 and older.
- **Fame?** – This Society was featured in a front-page article by the County Historical Society.
- **Donation** – From the Friends of Cerrito Theater we accepted a donation of a scale model of the theater. (We hope to commission a similar model of the Castro Adobe.)
- **Research** – Society members did research on Brooks Island, the Victor Castro family, Lu Watters, Nobel Prize winners in El Cerrito and other notable residents.
- **Brochure** – “History of El Cerrito – Touring its Commercial Core” is a walking tour brochure completed by David Weinstein & Tom Panas, available to those who want to explore our history.
- **Web site** – The Society web site has a prominent link to our historical narrative, and each month features a story from the narrative on the homepage. Enhanced by Deb Weeks, it is a valuable aid to anyone curious about El Cerrito history.
- **Public meetings** – The Society was represented at several City Council meetings and those of several city commissions.
- **Sites possible** – The Society checked out several buildings which could become available for our use.
- **History room** – The Shadi History Room in City Hall was open once a month by Tom Panas & Joanne Rubio for research, and weekly by Christine Roed and Barbara Hill to work on cataloguing items.

- **Internally** - We have 27 Life Members, 11 Sustaining Members and 68 household members. The Board adopted and implemented a Conflict of Interest policy, and donation envelopes were printed.

**UP-COMING:**

May 3, 2015: "Big Band Era Tea Dance & History Exhibit", 1:00 to 4:00 PM. The Society is the co-sponsor with the El Cerrito Senior Center

Anza Trail: Work with City and NPS on interpretive markers of Anza's 1776 trek through El Cerrito.

2017: We will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of El Cerrito's incorporation.