



# Pioneers Newsletter

## July, 2011

### The Soquel History Book

In April 2007, a committee of Soquel history enthusiasts decided the best way to protect Soquel's past was to write about it. They agreed to take on the massive task of collecting pictures and composing text for the Arcadia Publishing Company's "Images of America" series.

Working under the umbrella of the Soquel Pioneer and Historical Association, authors Lynne McCall Caldwell, and John Caldwell, Alice Daubenbis, Barbara Harlamoff McCrary, Dick Nutter, Paul and Judy Parsons, Bill Roberson, and Carolyn Swift met on Wednesday mornings for four years. Photographs were selected for copying. Historical details were slowly woven together to create the caption text. Historian Judith Steen guided the book through the all the phases of editing.

The completed edition of ten chapters includes more than 200 pictures that tell stories of the past with descriptions and images that were previously damaged, stashed away, and forgotten.

Now sold online and in local stores, the history book is available for a donation of \$22 at the Soquel Porter Memorial Library and will be on hand at the annual Soquel Pioneer and Historical Association picnic. Additionally, an index has been compiled by Stan Stevens, Librarian Emeritus and coordinator of the Hihn-Younger Archive at UC Santa Cruz, as a gift to Soquel. It will be at the library and offered during the July picnic. Eventually it will be on our website.

The Soquel book is dedicated to association founder Caroline Eleanora Oliver Angell, known throughout her life as Nora.

She was born to a pioneer Soquel family in 1867. Nora attended San Jose State Normal School. She was still a teenager when she began a career teaching in her hometown, marrying local merchant Horatio V. Angell. Always devoted to Soquel's improvement, Nora led causes that ranged from the installation of electric lighting to the founding of a library to ongoing work for the Red Cross and WCTU. One of her more passionate interests was pioneer history and the gathering of stories about Soquel's early days. The annual picnic that is enjoyed today is credited to her inspiration.

### The 73<sup>rd</sup> annual potluck picnic

**The Soquel Pioneer and Historical Association 73<sup>rd</sup> annual potluck picnic will be held at Pringle Grove on Saturday, July 30 at 12 noon. (See flier).**



**The nine authors will be on hand to talk about the four year effort, answer questions and maybe sign a few books. It should be a fun event.**

**Everyone is invited. Please come early to meet and make friends and view the historical displays. Dress warmly and bring a potluck dish to share, drinks and table service. Coffee will be provided.**

### Technically Speaking

We are gathering E-mail addresses to keep you informed about upcoming events such as book signings etc. If you are willing to be included on our E-mail list, please let Judy Parsons know at [juudy@aol.com](mailto:juudy@aol.com). Put Pioneers list in the subject line.

