



Pioneers Newsletter

July, 2010

WHO ARE THE PIONEERS?

The Soquel Pioneers Club was founded in 1939 by Mrs. Nora Angell. Originally members had to be born in Soquel 50 or more years ago or have lived here that long. Eventually, that requirement was dropped and now anyone who is interested in the history and community of Soquel is welcome to join. Members have no responsibilities unless they wish to become involved in specific projects.



WHAT DO WE DO?

Among our many projects, we:

- Work toward protecting and preserving the priceless historical records and photographs currently located in our room at the Porter Memorial Library so they will be available for future generations.
- Assist students of all ages with information on Soquel history.
- Maintain an up-to-date website.
- Monitor the Soquel Cemetery and its condition.
- Sponsor the annual Soquel Pioneer and Historical Association Picnic.
- Maintain the village signs and provide Soquel pins for sale.

THE PICNIC

Our 72nd annual potluck picnic will be held at Pringle Grove on Saturday, July 31 at 12 PM. Pringle Lane is located off of Main Street about three-quarters of a mile from Soquel Drive.

Please come early to meet and make friends and view the historical displays. Please bring a potluck dish to share, drinks and table service. Coffee will be available.

The 2010 speaker will be Barbara Harlamoff McCrary, a Soquel native who lives with her husband, Lud McCrary, at the Big Creek Ranch in Swanton. Barbara's family dates back to 1890. Her mother was born in 1900 in Glen Haven. Her father, a native of Russia, immigrated to California in 1922. Barbara was born here in 1933. In her youth, she experienced many adventures that now make interesting stories about her hometown.



Each year, a raffle is held during the picnic. Donated items are appreciated and enormously helpful. Please e-mail or call Judy Parsons at 476-1871 if you can help.

SOQUEL PIONEERS PLAN AHEAD

For the past three years an association committee has worked with Arcadia Publishing to write a book on the history of Soquel. If all goes well, the book will be available in time for the 2011 picnic. Those working on the book are: Carolyn Swift, Dick Nutter, Alice Daubenbis, Bill Roberson, John Caldwell, Lynne Caldwell, Barbara McCrary, Paul Parsons and Judy Parsons.

FUTURE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- ◆ Replacement of several tables at Pringle Grove.
- ◆ An historical mural in the village.
- ◆ Non-profit status, which would be a benefit to the association members.
- ◆ Achievement of Soquel Pioneer and Historical Association museum space.



SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC!

HOW YOU CAN HELP!



There are no dues to belong to the Pioneers, but there are expenses.

The association's income is derived from your generous donations. We request your help to keep Soquel's favorite tradition alive and as enjoyable as ever.

If each member and friend contributes, we will be able to cover picnic costs and other obligations. For your convenience, a self addressed envelope is enclosed. Contributions can also be made at the picnic.

Various expenses are associated with the event each year: sound equipment and sanitary facilities are rented. Site maintenance is provided and insurance is purchased. Over 250 picnic invitations are prepared and mailed by the board and other volunteers.

Ongoing costs include payment of one third of the Porter Memorial Library expenses. The association also pays dues for membership in the Capitola/Soquel Chamber of Commerce.

The Soquel Pioneer and Historical Association is grateful for all the help we receive. Another way supporters can assist is to become involved in projects that benefit Soquel. If you would like to offer your services, please contact one of the following board members:

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To learn about Soquel history and the Association, visit our web page: www.soquelpioneers.com