



# Pioneer Press

WEST SIDE PIONEER ASSOCIATION AND TRACY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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## President's Message

*The end of yet another year is here. This last month got away from me and this is a week late. For those of you who receive this in time, our Open House is this Sunday, December 1st from 2 to 4 p.m.—to stay ahead of the dark ride home. We will have cookies and hot cider for those who come to share time with friends at the Museum.*

*The first 3rd grade class came through on a tour last week. We had all stations covered. It was a great way to restart our program after a long hiatus. We also had a group of history students from Delta Charter come through later in the day. So our school program seems to be on its way!!*

**We welcome new member Brad Pope and renewing member Cindy Staser.**

*Election of Board Officers took place on the 11th. Those running for election and by write-in who will compose the elected Board members are:*

*President, John McVey; Vice President, Pete Mitracos; Program Chair, Dale Brandes; Recording Secretary, Sandra Bayhi; and Treasurer, Pat Brandes. Elected At-Large Members: David Castro, Rich Clinton, and Marie Patterson.*

*I still have a couple positions to fill for the remaining appointed positions and will have those ready by the December Board Meeting and the next newsletter.*

*Thanks to all who took the time to vote and be a part of the process. Your Museum appreciates your time and support!*

*Also, have a very warm and safe holiday season—however you may celebrate it!!!*

*John McVey  
209-407-9314*

~ *Renewing Member* ~ Chuck Honodel

~ *New Member* ~ Shelley Layne-Thompson

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As mentioned in the last issue, the Tracy Historical Museum/WSPA was recognized/honored for the work we do to preserve Tracy's history. The Tracy Mayor's Gala on September 7th was a very nice affair. Those representing our group were Pat and Dale Brandes, Sue Brozstowski, Sandra and Preston Bayhi, David Castro, and yours truly. Pete Mitracos was also in attendance. Pictures and info are in the display case in the Museum. Stop by to see our memories. We are very pleased to have been chosen for recognition. Thank you, Mayor Young!

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We were saddened to learn of the passing of longtime Lifetime member Ruth Sanford. Ruth served on the Board for many years and was active prior to declining health.

We were also saddened to learn of the passing of Char Bisbee. Many knew Char as a favorite teacher at Central. Our condolences go out to both families and friends!

*Please Remember*

*Board of Directors voting Monday, November 11th ~ 2 –4 pm  
at the Museum*

*We have had a member step forward to agree to a write-in for the position of Recording Secretary. Since write-in votes do count, we will accept any that come in. Thank you, Sandra, for stepping up!*

*We have had several mail-in ballots received so far. Thank you to those who have participated in this year's election. Hope to see several more members/friends on the 11th.*

Ron and I will be at the San Joaquin County Historical Society & Museum the first weekend in December for their annual *Festival of Trees*. We have decorated a tree there for the past several years to represent the Tracy Historical Museum. It's always fun with great ideas and many folks being a part of the holiday spirit. I will have a smaller version of the tree we are doing there at our Open House on Sunday, December 1st here in Tracy. We hope to see many of you as you join friends and members for our welcome to the season!

*Thank You!!*

Diana Koster

Lifetime Membership

Ray McCray

\$2000 to Landmark Fund  
{In memory of David & Lorna Bouthroyd  
and Rex & Stevie McCray}

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## Coming Events



Sun. Dec 1	<b>Holiday Open House</b>	2- 4 @ Museum
Mon. Dec 2	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2pm
Sat. Dec 7	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2 pm
Sun, Dec 8	2nd Sunday @ TAGS	1—5 pm
Mon. Dec 9	Tracy Museum Open	10 am — 2 pm
<b>Mon. Dec 9</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
Sat. Dec 14	Tracy Museum Open	10 am — 2 pm
Mon. Dec 16	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2 pm.
Sat. Dec 21	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2 pm
Mon. Dec 23	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2 pm
Wed. Dec 25	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Blessings to All!</b>
Sat. Dec 28	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2pm
Mon. Dec 30	Tracy Museum Open	10 am—2 pm
Tuesday Dec 31	<b>New Year's Eve</b>	Celebrate Wisely!

Wednesday January 1, 2025

Happy New Year!!!