

STEERING COMMITTEE



Happy New Year from the Museum of the San Ramon Valley! A lot has happened this past year, much of which paves the way for implementation of goals and objectives as we move into the future.

Along with future planning, our current schedule of events continues to consume the efforts of a host of volunteers. From *Indian Life*, to the *One-Room School House*, to the operation of the Museum Store (just to name a few), we enlist the support of many volunteers on a continuing basis, and I am reminded we can always use more! (I have also been asked to encourage everyone to shop at the Museum Store.)

Just a reminder that the Museum is making plans to celebrate Danville's 150th Birthday this summer on July 3rd, in lieu of holding our own *Train Day*. Beverly Lane and Laura Grinstead are in the final stages of completing their new book *Vintage Danville* celebrating this milestone, and other Town-wide plans are in motion for this celebration.

In order to expedite the continuing pursuits of the Steering Committee, Jerry Warren, my very capable (and available) Vice Chair, has agreed to serve as the Chair of the Steering Committee starting this year.

Jerry says he really enjoys working as a docent with families and their children, some of whom come to the Museum to complete their passports. During his short tenure on the Steering Committee, Jerry has already assumed the role of Chair of Membership Committee; coordinated the 2007 Train Day Committee; and is currently Vice Chair of the Steering Committee, in addition to being a pivotal player in the acquisition of our own "Trackless Train."

Jerry is now retired after 40 years in senior management positions for not-for-profit and health care corporations. His last role was as Executive Director of St. Paul's Towers in Oakland, which happens to be my mother's (Dorie Larsen) current residence. Jerry also served as Chairman of the Board and in a variety of other capacities with the California Association of Homes and Services for the Aging. Jerry is a 20 year resident of Danville and proud Grandpa of two future Museum members. Thanks Jerry - - I will continue to assist in any way I can!

Dave Larsen

Museum Web Site is a Popular Place to Visit

Did you know that the Museum has a terrific web site with information on exhibits, the store, membership and history? Vic Georgiou is the webmaster and works closely with Museum staffers Eve Vojvoda and Donna Grier to keep it interesting and up-to-date.

One part of the site which has been useful is the *Valley History* button. Visitors can find places to visit in the San Ramon Valley, including local museums and historic sites. The section on History Articles includes columns from the *Danville Weekly* as well as short histories from Museum publications. *Alamo Today* regularly uses these articles in its monthly newspaper.

Take advantage of this great tool and visit the web site often at www.museumsv.org

MUSEUM STORE AT RECORD LEVELS

Although the holidays are just a memory, the store committee feels very celebratory. Thanks to all of you, the store had record sales of \$1573, and because of that our contribution to the Museum over the past few years is almost \$45,000. With each new exhibit we add new, timely merchandise to our shelves. Come visit us often...you will find a surprise or two. Your museum will be the better for it.

Eloise McTigue and Marilyn Eberhardt

