



River of Time
Museum

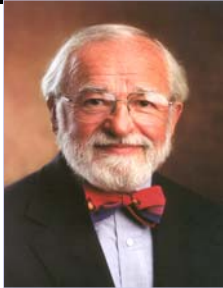
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THE LEGACY NEWSLETTER
FOUNTAIN HILLS AND LOWER
VERDE VALLEY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY AND
RIVER OF TIME MUSEUM

Newsletter Date:
March-April 2005

March 16
Dinner Meeting

Oregon Physician Leon Speroff, MD, Guest Speaker



Fascinated by tales about Yavapai physician, Leon Speroff, MD, researched and then published a book, rich in detail, called Carlos Montezuma, M.D.: A Yavapai American Hero—The Life and times of an American Indian, 1866-1923. The book documents the of one of the first ever Native American medical doctors. Taken from his family as a by Pima Indian warriors and sold to an itinerant Italian photographer, Montezuma himself deposited into vastly foreign surroundings at a very young age. In late 19th Century Chicago, he was presented with opportunities, both educational and social, that had previously been unavailable to his people.

Dr. Montezuma became a firm believer in the importance of Native American assimilation into white society, and he fiercely spoke out against the Bureau of Indian Affairs, claiming that it was responsible for keeping American Indians dependent on the Federal Government. In the last years of his life, his intense focus shifted from his assimilationist philosophy to helping his tribe regain its land and water rights in the face of great adversity from the U.S. Government. Leon Speroff paints a full and well-rounded picture of the life and times of this remarkable man.

We are very fortunate to welcome this acclaimed Oregonian to our town. Make your reservation today by calling Linda Kavanagh (480/837-5612) or e-mailing reservations@riveroftimemuseum.org by Friday, March 11. Member price is \$18. Non-member is \$22. Please have your checks ready, made out to the Fountain Hills Historical Society. 'No Shows' for the dinner will be billed because our society is obligated to pay for every reservation. Menu will be baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, carrots, salad, rolls, and key lime cheese cake. NOTE: We have discontinued phoning you for reservations. Please call Linda or e-mail us at the numbers listed above to make your reservation.

Hall of Fame Dinner Set for April 16

Sponsored by the River of Time Museum Foundation, the dinner will be held at the Community Center, catered by the Rio Verde Country Club. Invitations will go out the first week of March. 15 nominees from the Verdes, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nations and Fountain Hills will become Hall of Fame Members.

If anyone would like to place an ad in the program booklet – this could be for your business or a congratulatory ad for a new Hall of Fame inductee –

Please contact
Jack Colley at 837-2825.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 16, Wednesday, Historical Society Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Community Center. Speaker will be Dr. Leon Speroff.
- March 27, Sunday, True West magazine's Southwest Photo Collection opens in Changing Exhibit Gallery
- April 2, Saturday, All day retreat for Board of Directors
- April 9, Saturday, 1st ever Charity Bingo Night at Ft. McDowell Casino
- April 16, Saturday, 2nd Annual Hall of Fame Gala.



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*From the Desk of***Alan Cruikshank**

We have a terrific program planned for the March 16 dinner meeting. Be sure to mark it on your calendars to make reservations. The special evening will mark the second anniversary of our museum, and the guest speaker will be Dr. Leon Speroff, who has written a critically acclaimed biography on the life of Dr. Carlos Montezuma, the Yavapai who became one of the first Native American medical doctors. Be sure to check out additional information elsewhere in this newsletter.

The recent Pony Express event was a huge success, bringing many newcomers to the museum. Judy is already talking about ways to build on the success of the event for next year. As I mentioned in my newspaper column a few weeks ago, I think that the whole town should dress western that day. It can become a new tradition.

The board is planning a strategic planning session on Saturday, April 2. We'll be planning the future of the museum. If anyone has some suggestions for topics, call me at 837-1925 or Judy, 837-2612.

The next weekend is our newest fund-raiser. We will be having a bingo night at Fort McDowell Casino on Saturday, April 9. This will be the first charity event held at the casino and we offer our thanks to former Tribal

President (and Society board member) Dr. Clinton Pattea and the casino's Tim Davis for their assistance in making this happen. We'll be telling you more about this at the March dinner and there will be stories in The Times.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the dinner. Be sure to notify us early for reservations. And let us know by the prior Sunday if you have to cancel. We are still having a problem with people making reservations and not attending. We still have to pay the caterer based on the reservations.

If there's anyone reading this that feels so inclined, we are looking for donations to get some figures to add to our displays. When I refer to figures, I mean mannequins that actually look like someone. We are hoping to add Jack Swilling to the water tamers area, a conquistador and a trapper in the explorer area, two Native Americans in the early Yavapai area and a soldier and a woman in the Fort McDowell Army Post area. We are getting bids on their cost.

In closing this month, I want to thank all of you who have contributed either your time or money (or both) to the betterment of the museum. And don't forget to bring your out-of-town visitors to the museum.

*Judy Starr
Confer***The Director's Desk**

The March 16th Historical Society Dinner celebrates the River of Time Museum's 2nd Birthday. Make your reservations early (and remember a "reservation made is a reservation paid"). You will have the pleasure of hearing Leon Speroff, M.D. speak on his book, Carlos Montezuma, M.D., A Yavapai American Hero. Five years of research have brought many fascinating facts to light on this most famous Yavapai (1866 – 1923). Dr. Speroff will be available to sign his books after dinner. Bring your check books – those of you who love learning about history will want to have this fabulous book about Wassaja in your own library. The Discovery Channel is producing a documentary based on the book. It will be available within the next 12 months. March 16th is your chance to hear all about it first-hand. Board Member Linda Kavanagh is chairperson for the dinner.

Fort McDowell Casino will host a Charity Night in the Bingo Hall for the 1st time ever on Saturday, April 9th. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit The River of Time. We hope that our membership will all attend and be part of this exciting evening that our Yavapai neighbors are providing for us.

Thanks to our volunteers, Bonnie Kline, the founding artists, Carlos Hadaway, Doug Katonak, Paul Kolwaite

and Harold Lyon, and the Silent Auction Committee of Sharon Morgan and Suzie Loe, our own "Cowboy Artists" show was a great way to kick-off the Pony Express Days in Fountain Hills and will be repeated next year.

The first annual Pony Express Days in Fountain Hills February 3rd met with resounding success! This was a joint venture with the FH Chamber of Commerce, chaired by Roxanne Boryczki, Paul Kolwaite, Judy Confer and committee members Niobe Borman, Terry Brown, Mardelle Willson, Tom's BBQ, Troy Haviland of Ft. McDowell Adventures, Sam Coffey of the American Legion Post 58, Joyce Taglia, president of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary, and Sharon Morgan of the Chamber. Several hundred people participated in some manner to welcome the Navajo County Sheriff's Posse 47th Hashknife Pony Express as they delivered the US mail to Fountain Hills Post Office Manager, Jim Fisher. Mayor Wally Nichols spoke and awarded the essay prizes to the winning 5th graders – all from the Fountain Hills Charter School. Next year we look forward to expanding this historical re-enactment. Let us know your suggestions.

We will open a collection of antique southwest photos Sunday March 27th after Los Artistas Vaqueros closes in the guest gallery. Bob Bell, publisher of True West Magazine is making his collection available to the Museum. In recent years it could be seen at Rawhide and at the Wickenburg Los Caballeros Museum.



SOCIETY BOARD OFFICERS

<i>Alan Cruikshank</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Harold Denomme</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
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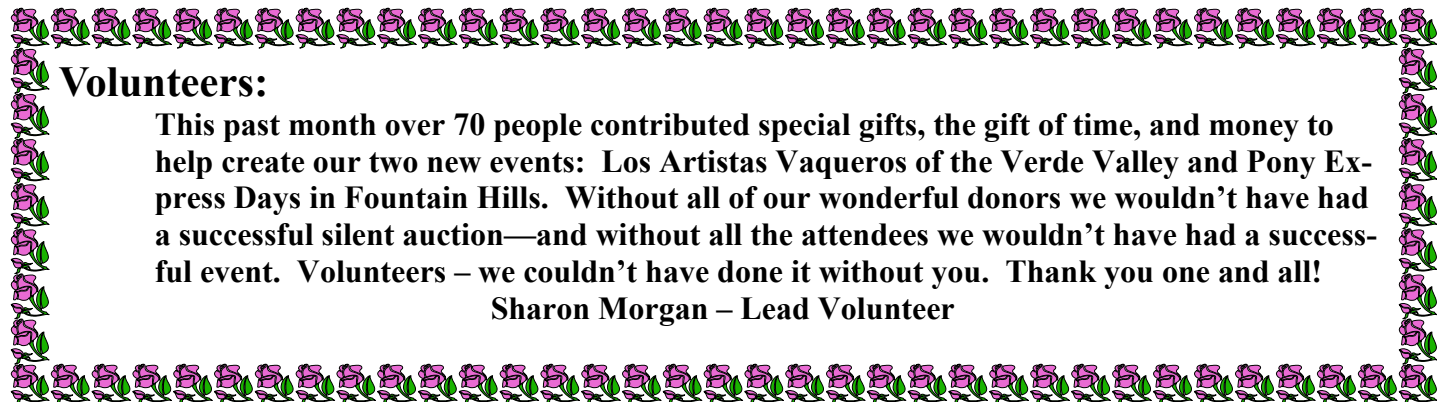
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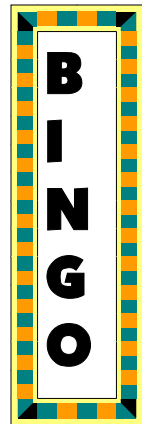
Now available at the River of Time Museum are candy bars with a petroglyph of Kokopelli and the signature of the River of Time Museum! It's a special edition! The bars are available in both milk and dark chocolate. Supplied by our own Fountain Hills chocolatiers at Chocofin, purchase one (or more) and enjoy a real treat or give it as a gift.



Volunteers:

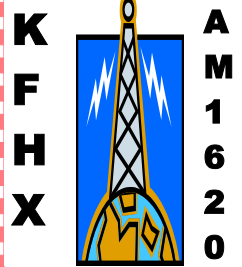
This past month over 70 people contributed special gifts, the gift of time, and money to help create our two new events: Los Artistas Vaqueros of the Verde Valley and Pony Express Days in Fountain Hills. Without all of our wonderful donors we wouldn't have had a successful silent auction—and without all the attendees we wouldn't have had a successful event. Volunteers – we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you one and all!

Sharon Morgan – Lead Volunteer



If you've never played the game of "BINGO" before, April 9th is the the night to start. Fort McDowell Casino is sponsoring a fundraiser for our River of Time Museum in their Bingo Hall. There will be a Special R.O.T.M packet that will be available to all players for \$5.00. 100% of all money taken from the sale of this special packet will go to the museum. Word has it that there might be a special commemorative "dauber" for this event. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m.. Make plans to attend. More details will be available at the March Dinner Meeting.

Sharon Morgan — Special Events



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Hills, Arizona

Judy's Angels



We have been so fortunate over the last two years to have so many Museum Angels that we now, in the interest of space, will publish the names once per year in December, and honor them at the Director's Annual "Back Door-Day Before" holiday party. For the past two years the back room of the Museum has provided Angels refuge in their busy day of bustling around town. They have been able to stop by between 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to "refuel," get their "halos polished" and "wings fluffed" and then continue delivering gifts, shopping, etc. Plan to come next December 24th so we can thank you from our hearts.

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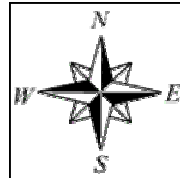
- The IRS has designated this Society and Museum as a 501 (C) (3) organization and Donations are tax deductible to donor. Please consult your tax advisor for specific information.

Ann Stavely

FROM THE RIVER BANK

Have you seen
our lovely selec-

tion of hand-crafted cards by our own local artists? Sally Alexan has done silk screen in Indian and floral designs, Ellie Hanson does beautiful desert and Indian motifs in gilt and color, and Judy Confer gives us "Bitty Books" with petroglyphs and a small piece of tur-



Take time to visit and explore other Museums certified by the Arizona Historical Society. A list of all museums that are certified can be found at www.ahs.state.az.us/

Arizona Military Museum
5636 East McDowell Road,
Phoenix, AZ 85008
(602) 267-2676
vince.leone@az.ngb.army.mil
Hours 1-4,
Saturday and Sunday

Colorado River Historical Society
Highway 95,
1/2 mile north of the Laughlin Bridge
Bullhead City, AZ 86430
(928) 754-3399
www.bullheadcity.com/tourism/hismuseum.asp
Hours: 10-4 Tues.-Sun.,
Closed July & August

Lake Havasu Museum of History
320 London Bridge Road,
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403
(928) 854-4938
lhmuseum@redrivernet.com
Hours 2-4; Tues.—Sat.



From the Desk of Museum
Archivist Dave Roberts

The following is an excerpt from the Museum Archives monograph,
"Things I Remember" by P-Bar cowboy Bob Lincoln (1917-2003).

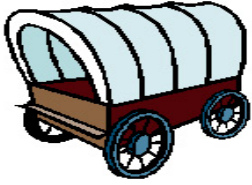


ROBBINS PATRIARCH:

P-Bar Ranch manager Dick Robbins (1900-1983) had a remarkable father, John Calvin Robbins (1856-1936), who was my maternal grandfather. John migrated in the 1870s from Arkansas to California to Globe AZ, then a booming mining town. While John was operating his saloon in Globe (one of many enterprises, including oxen-drawn freight wagons and a saw-mill), a young man from Ohio came to Globe looking for a job. John hired him as a roustabout in the saloon. They developed a close friendship that lasted the rest of their lives. The young man was George W. P. Hunt, later elected Arizona governor (7 terms). Hunt had a good place on East McDowell Road, and John would visit him there. I was in grammar school in Tempe then, and would go with my grandpa to Hunt's place. In 1906, the Territory of Arizona established the Livestock Sanitary Board, and hired men as livestock inspectors to cut down on theft of cattle and horses. George Hunt appointed John Robbins as first inspector for the Tempe/Scottsdale area. John held that job 'til his death in 1936.

John eventually sold his Globe businesses and moved his family to Gisela AZ. They farmed there 'til 1898, when John moved the family to the Sunflower area on Sycamore Creek and established the 'Slash-Z' cattle ranch. In 1900 John bought 160 acres in Tempe (now Rural & University area) and moved his family there during the school years. My uncle Dick Robbins was born then. They would move back to the ranch at Sunflower for the Summer months. All John's daughters went thru Tempe Normal School and got teachers degrees.

[Note by monograph editor Dave Roberts: Dick Robbins managed the P-Bar Ranch from 1938 until its sale to investment/development interests in 1955. The 33,000+ acre ranch eventually became Fountain Hills (~12,000 acres) and McDowell Mountain Regional Park (~21,000 acres)].



Joe and Debbie
Skehen

Membership Report & Upgrades

We are extremely grateful to the generosity of the following members who have chosen to upgrade their 2005 membership level. In this special Membership Report, we want to publicly thank them and acknowledge their additional commitment to the Historical Society and the River of Time Museum. With their generosity and commitment, our "gem in the desert" continues to shine brightly!

Pioneer Level: \$500+

Walter & Janet Johnson
John & Linda Kavanagh
Robert & Velma Monks
Joe & Debbie Skehen
Mary Zicarelli

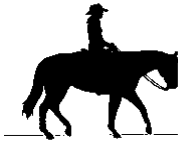
Wagonmaster Level: \$250-\$499

Richard M. Carrabine
Robert & Barbara Hegwood
Carolyn McClure
John & Jane Mooty
Dave & Edith Roberts
Bob & Joyce Walters



Pathfinder Level: \$100-\$249

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Walt & Mali Berger
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Martin & Terry Brown
Robert & Linda Burns
Craig & Jeanine Capirchio
Art & Jeanette Carpentier
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Bill & Shirley Eckhardt
Lee & Shirley Fisher
Bruce & Cassie Hansen
Fred & Barb Hansen



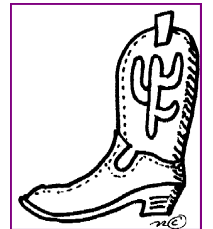
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Linsley & Jane Lundgaard
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Ken & Phyllis Osterberg
Timothy & LuAnne Sexton
Beth Shafe
John & Val Stasik
Robert & Diane Thomson
Margaret Tibbetts
James & Roberta Urban

New Members

Since the last issue of Legacy, we have 5 new memberships! Please welcome the following to our Society:

Jack and Pat Buchanan
Barbara Pederon
Bruce & Patricia Rinebarger

Richard & Carolyn Schmidt
Lenore Vanwiel



Haven't Received Your 2005 Membership Card?

If you haven't, we have not received your renewal dues for this new year! Many exciting activities have been planned throughout the year and we don't want you to miss out on a single one. Please fill out the application on the back cover of this Legacy issue and either bring it with your check to the dinner on March 16, or mail to P.O. Box 17445, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269.