



MISSION BELL

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Ring in the News of the Preservation Campaign for Mission San Antonio de Padua

A Message from Campaign President SUSAN GILL

Very few places exist in this modern world like Mission San Antonio de Padua. If you have friends and family who have not been to the Mission, encourage them to visit. It is truly a treasure! We hear from many who visit that they had no idea how peaceful, untouched and beautiful the Mission is until they visited for the first time. We recently received a very nice letter from a first time visitor to the Mission who attended a watercolor workshop.

I just spent 2 lovely nights at the San Antonio mission on a watercolor workshop with Bonnie Carver.

I have lived in California all of my 67 years, and yes, remember the 4th grade unit on the missions. Over those years, I have visited most of the missions during my travels. I've been sad to see most of them in such states of disrepair, or surrounded by urban sprawl. What a delight it was to be able to experience San Antonio Mission. I felt like it could have been the 18th century (but with flushies). The tranquility of the Mission and the surrounding hills, the humble but clean and comfortable rooms, the beautiful rose garden—in full glorious bloom—all made for a wonderful, relaxing, contemplative artistic experience.

I just made a contribution to your preservation campaign through PayPal. I wish you the best of luck with the earthquake retrofitting, no small task at all, and to the continuing success of the mission of San Antonio. —Sally L.

No small task indeed, but we continue to make progress toward our goal. The board is diligently researching grant opportunities and submitting inquiries and applications. I'm happy to share that through the California Missions Foundation we received a \$150,000 grant from the Hearst Foundation! With this gift and through the generosity of our donors we are now at \$2.25 million in the bank. In our last newsletter we were aiming to raise \$4 million by the end of July 2014 to begin Phase I construction. This was the preliminary estimate we were given when our project team last met with contractors. Since then we have chosen a contractor, Eagle Construction, and the new cost estimate to complete Phase I is \$3 million dollars. That means we're almost there!!! Our Project Chair, Brian Kelly and Project Architects, Frank Brenkwitz and Charles Franks, have already completed four adobe retrofits for the Monterey Diocese and we are fortunate that their learning curve from those projects translates to our financial savings. We want to begin work in August so we are still striving to raise the money needed to start Phase I by the end of July 2014.

I ask for your continued help in reaching out to friends and colleagues to educate them on the uniqueness of Mission San Antonio de Padua and the importance of the restoration campaign. Thank you for your support! ■

CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESERVATION OF MISSION SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA PHASE I FUNDRAISING

GOAL
\$3 Million
Phase I Complete

\$2.5 Million
Construction Begins

\$2.25
Million
Raised To Date

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Saving a Timeless Treasure

Restoration of Mission San Antonio

The first attempt at rebuilding was in 1903 when Mission San Antonio de Padua was selected by the California Historic Landmarks League as one of their first restoration projects. At that time efforts were aimed at rebuilding the church walls and covering them with a wooden roof. The Native Sons of the Golden West supplied \$1,400.00. Tons of debris were removed from the interior of the chapel and breaches in the side wall were filled in. The April 18, 1906 earthquake partially destroyed the restoration work, but it quickly resumed.

In 1940, U.S. Army acquired the surrounding land from William Randolph Hearst to establish Fort Hunter Liggett Military Reservation. The Franciscans returned in 1940, and again began to rebuild the church.

In 1948, work continued when the Mission received a grant for restoration from the Hearst Foundation. Many soldiers assisted with the restoration project during off-duty hours. The Mission was restored in 1949 to an authentic approximation of its original state.

We came across a letter written in 1949 and it was very interesting to see that in addition to **William Randolph Hearst** there were so many notable board members on the San Antonio de Padua Mission Foundation. Included on the list are political leaders, actors, several prominent lawyers and land owners.

Don Belding was considered the “Father of West Coast Advertising.” He served entrepreneurs such as Walt Disney, Howard Hughes and Patrick Frawley; helped emerging Hollywood studios; and built the Sunkist, Max Factor and Catalina swimsuit businesses.

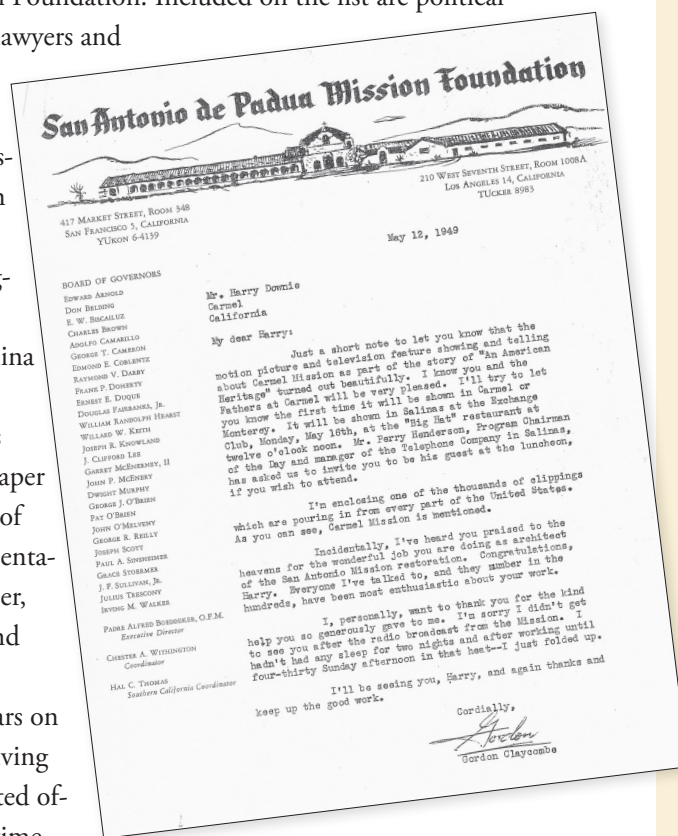
Joseph Russell Knowland was an American politician and newspaper publisher. He served as a member of the United States House of Representatives from California and was owner, editor and publisher of the Oakland Tribune.

George R. Reilly served 44 years on the State Board of Equalization, giving him the longest tenure of any elected official in California history at that time.

Grace Stoermer was a Los Angeles civic leader, banking executive, and the first woman to serve as the Secretary of the California State Senate.

John P. McEnery was a member of the Truman administration and Chairman of the California Democratic Party. He was an early supporter, confidant, and floor leader for John F. Kennedy at the 1956 and 1960 Democratic Conventions.

Actors **Edward Arnold**, **Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.** and **Pat O'Brien** are also on the list. ■



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Donor Circle

The board recently welcomed family members of the Sturdy Oil Company to the Mission for a luncheon to thank them for their generous donation of \$125,000 to our campaign!

Thank you Sturdy Oil Company for your support!!



There is a new sign at the Mission to let visitors know about the restoration project and our campaign. Thank you to board members Carol Kenyon and

Rupert Lyle for designing and building the sign and a very special thank you to BIG CREEK LUMBER for donating the wood! ■



Visit Our Website

www.preservemissionsanantonio.org
Our website has a wonderful video about Mission San Antonio de Padua, information about the restoration phases, project architects and our campaign. You can also donate to the campaign from the website. ■

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September 20, 2014

at 6:00 p.m. for our

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at the Salinas Valley
Fairgrounds

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