



MISSION BELL

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

BREAKING NEWS!

Just as this newsletter was going to print we received some very exciting news. An anonymous donor will donate \$250,000 to the restoration/retrofit campaign, in the form of a...



We have until the end of December 2017 to raise the funds and they will be matched through this generous gift. An opportunity to double your donation at a time when funds are critically needed!

Please continue to spread the word about our fundraising campaign and this amazing opportunity. Use word of mouth, email, and/or social media to help spread this good news. Help us broaden our base of support and also multiply this donation! Any donations received after August 22 will go toward this matching goal.

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A Message from President **AL PAROLINI**

As I write this brief letter, the seismic work and historic preservation of Mission San Antonio de Padua, has been placed on a temporary hold. Being out of cash to authorize needed additional work is a challenging issue at this point in time. Taking a breather may be a blessing in disguise. But we truly believe it is temporary.

At this stage of the project, work has been completed on Phase I, II & III. Seismic retrofit has been completed on Phase IV, with the exception of the following upgrades: plumbing, electrical, ADA bathroom, shower and various related ADA compliance issues.

In the silver lining good news has been delivered. Based on the findings of the architect and project coordinator, they have lowered the amount needed to complete the entire project through Phase V from \$4.2 million to \$3.0 million. This construction savings has been through the great teamwork of the Project Coordinator Brian Kelly, the architect, Brett Brenkwitz, the Mission Administrator Joan Steele and Tim Gohr, owner of Eagle Construction.

But change is in the wind. Tim Gohr has elected to retire and end his life's work in the historic preservation field. At this time, Tim has elected to take a step back and enter the next stage of his career relaxing with his wife, traveling and completing many of those "honey do's" which have been deferred due to his frequent time away at work.

Replacing Eagle Construction is Brad Forde of B. H. Buildings, Inc., whose firm is domiciled in Paso Robles. Brad brings 30 plus years as a General Contractor to the Mission, and with the assistance of Tim Gohr, who has agreed to serve as a project consultant, the project will be brought to completion. With the combined experience of two general contractors, their collective knowledge and experience will prove invaluable as we step into the final work on the Mission.

However, the ability to finish this project is totally dependent on the ability to raise the necessary funds, which allows the needed work to progress. It's time to look deep within ourselves, identify our true priorities and values and make a contribution which will have an impact on the completion of this project.

Donations may be completed in a variety of ways. First, a single contribution is appreciated. Second, a multi-year pledge is extremely helpful. And third, working with members of the Board of Directors, introducing the Campaign to a significant generous donor would be amazing. Together, the combined donations from all will finish this project.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your generosity, as we look forward to the day when the entire community celebrates the completion of this project, "California's most authentic mission". ■

State of the Mission Retrofit/Restoration Project

By Joan Steele, Mission Administrator



North Convento roofing tiles being replaced after completion of seismic work on this wing.

IN THE SUMMER 2017 edition of the Mission Bell, I spoke to you about the marathon-like aspects of our seismic retrofit/restoration project. The consensus was, and is, that we are about three-fourths of the way along on the marathon...only one-quarter of the way left to cover until we can successfully cross the finish line.

Many of us are tired. Many of us may feel like we've hit the wall. Trust me, after years of six and seven-day work weeks, I am also tired. But this is NOT the time to give up! The light is visible in the distance. We have only a short distance until successful completion! This is the time that we take a short break, take a deep breath, enjoy a cool drink of water and then get back into the race!

If this were a car race, this would be our ever-important pit stop. If you're tired of the race, use this pit stop time to reflect on the progress we've made and allow that view to re-energize your spirit. Not so very long ago you would have had to look pretty hard to find people who believed that this Mission would ever be successful in meeting the demand of the state-mandated seismic retrofit. Today, we can see the amazing work that's been

completed thus far. This is a success story in the making! The stabilization of the church, south, west and northwest Convento is finished. The electrical upgrade for each of these areas is also complete. The emergency lighting is now in place. A fire alarm system has been added to the church and is monitored 24/7. The ADA code compliance for the church, the south and the west Convento is met. The plumbing upgrade of the west retreat wing is done. PG&E has installed the new transformer and pole and the electrical infrastructure upgrade is rapidly approaching completion.

What's left in the race? We need to proceed with the ADA code compliance in the north Convento; this includes both adaptation to existing restrooms/shower rooms and the addition of another ADA compliant bathroom, and some ADA compliant bedrooms. Plumbing upgrades also need to be addressed in that wing. Fire alarm system needs to be installed in the entire retreat center and south Convento. The seismic stabilization of the remainder of the facility, beginning at dining rooms, kitchen, etc. moving east needs to begin. The electrical, plumbing, ADA compliance, and fire alarm system for this area also need to be



Old sinks in North Convento...awaiting funds to upgrade plumbing.

completed. Lastly, the restoration of the Padre's Garden in the Mission quadrangle will be tackled and the restorative painting in the interior of the church will be attended to.

The good news is...that light that is still in the distance... is much closer than we originally believed. Through hard work, dedication to the project, a collaborative spirit, willingness to be

flexible and creative in finding solutions to the inevitable challenges of this project, the Project Team has managed to complete a large chunk of this project, and do so, under budget. This translates to financial savings. We are now looking ahead to complete this project for an additional \$3 Million dollars. That brings the entire project costs to about \$10+ Million – \$11 Million dollars...well under the original estimate of \$15 Million and equaling a savings of approximately \$4+ Million dollars!

The ONLY way we can realize that savings, however, is to KEEP MOVING! If we can't keep the contractor and the subcontractors engaged, we will lose precious momentum and economy of scale and the project costs escalate.

How can you help? Give financially. If you already have, and can give again, please do so. We sincerely appreciate every dollar that comes to the project and will continue to work hard to see that its worth is maximized to the fullest.

An opportunity for everyone, please give of your time and talent – help us get the word out about this worthwhile project. Use your Christmas newsletters, your social media accounts, your time standing in line at the grocery store – tell others about Mission San Antonio and invite them to participate in something historic and amazing – SAVING A CALIFORNIA MISSION!

Life outside my office window has grown much quieter in the past month. Progress on the stabilization of Mission San Antonio has dwindled as the funds are rapidly running out. PLEASE, hear my plea and lend a hand. We need to complete the race... we need to SAVE THIS MISSION! Not just for you and me, but for many future generations who deserve to enjoy and experience the history of our state and country at the Mission that time forgot! ■



North Convento retreat center with electrical upgrade and new motion-sensor lights. Emergency lighting is also in place now in the retreat center corridors.



Retreat rooms, newly painted and sporting new Mexican blankets.

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PRESERVE YOUR PLACE IN HISTORY

Donate \$25,000 towards the stabilization/restoration of Mission San Antonio's retreat facilities and have a **retreat room** dedicated to the memory of yourself, your family, or anyone else you choose to honor. Limited spaces available – **ACT NOW!** Join us in saving history while becoming part of the Mission's history for future generations. What a wonderful way to weave your family name into the colorful tapestry of the San Antonio Valley story!



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MEET OUR BOARD

Board Member **SHEILA BENGTON**

Sheila was born and raised in Salinas. She taught at Gonzales High School for 13 years and Independent Study for both Gonzales and Soledad schools for 23 years before retiring in 2013. In addition to being on the board she volunteers at the Soledad Mission once a month. Her bucket list is to visit all 21 California Missions.

How and when did you first come to know of Mission San Antonio?

My grandmother, Alice Heinsen Fanoë was born in Lockwood and her parents Christian George and Nellie Jane Heinsen settled in Lockwood in the 1870s. Mission San Antonio was located near the old Heinsen home ranch.



Why are you giving your time to help preserve Mission San Antonio?

Being a teacher and especially interested in history I understand how important our missions are to California. The missions connect us to our California heritage and must be preserved for future generations.

Do you have a special memory of the Mission?

My husband Allen and I had our first date at J1 the Mission Fiesta in June 1978. Now we try to make the Fiesta every year, too hot or not. Aside from that my ancestors are buried near the Mission steps and around to the side my great uncle Newton and Dorothy Heinsen. I can remember my mother, Georgia Fanoë Richardson, grandmother Alice and her sister Ruth Heinsen Fanoë taking all of us kids down to the Mission to learn about our history.

What are your hopes for the future of Mission San Antonio?

I am fairly new to the retrofitting campaign board. The board members before me have done a fabulous job raising funds to get the project where we are today. I hope we can reach our goal; we only have \$3 million to go. Cheers to saving Mission San Antonio! ■

The content for the newsletter is put together by volunteers. If you would like to contribute to a future edition or see something that needs a correction, please contact Elizabeth Diaz at 831-386-0599/info@preservemissionsanantonio.org.