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"THE LAST GREAT GOLD RUSH: THE KLONDIKE 1898"



presented by
John W. Robinson,
Historian

**Sierra Madre Historical Preservation
Society**

Program Meeting

**TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 3, 2004
7:30 P.M.**

Memorial Park
Senior Center
222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Fueled by the promise of riches, the discovery of gold on the Klondike River started a frenzied rush that brought more than 30,000 hopeful miners to this forlorn territory. Brutal conditions and starvation cost many lives in the quest.

Mountain historian John W. Robinson will tell the gripping story with a slide presentation on the way it was in 1898 and the way it is today. Robinson, a life-long veteran of "walking the trails" has hiked the treacherous Chilkoot Pass twice and has explored the Klondike region bringing the story to life.

John Robinson is always a special treat. Do plan to attend. Guests most welcome. Light refreshments will be served.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

It is time for Membership renewals, the current memberships expire December 31, 2003. Many of you have already renewed for the year 2004 and 2005. Please check your address label on this newsletter, it shows the year your membership expires.

If you have already renewed, please pass the renewal envelope on to a friend who would like to join, discard the envelope or, better yet, give a gift membership to a friend!

If you joined the Historical Society in the later part of 2003, your membership will show an expiration date of 2004. Members have asked if more than one year can be paid at a time. the answer is: YES! If you would like to pay two or three years at a time, your expiration date will be extended.

Thank you everyone for your membership dues, donations, and offers to volunteer for our various functions. May the year 2004 be a wonderful year for all.

~DarleneTraxler



Happy New Year, 2004

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Happy New Year to all!

Thanks to the all the volunteers who helped SMHPS in 2003 with booth sales,lemonade sales, calendar sales, working at Lizzie's, helping with Landmark Home gatherings,helping with the history of Sierra Madre Centennial publication, Oral History volunteers,program meetings attendees and much more. We look forward to working with you again in 2004.

**SMHPS needs volunteers for our
Wistaria Festival Booth
March 14, 2004.**

We need set-up and tear-down help as well as people to work the booth selling food items,souvenirs,books and talking about historical preservation from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Please call 626.355.8129
and leave your name and number.**