

April 23, 2014 Rodgers House Meeting.

Members present: Diane Cooley, Melanie Kett, Sue King, Kennette Roberts, Rob and Marilyn Hoyt, Connie Hernandez, Jody Belgard, Trish Kett and Loretta Estrada .

The meeting was held while riding in a Limo as we traveled to Filoli, a beautiful home to two prominent and wealthy families from the years 1917-1975; the William Bourns 11, the original owners, and the William P. Roth's.

The Bourns were looking for a country estate far from the City and settled on the 654 acre property, thirty miles south of San Francisco in Woodside. The cryptic name for Filoli comes from Mr. Bourn's credo:

Fight for a just cause, Love you fellow man, and live a good life. The house is 38,000 square feet and a magnificent brick home. The shipping company Matson was one of their companies as well as gold mines. The day was filled with wonder and beauty of a glorious home filled with priceless antiques and silver. They have 150 volunteers for the garden alone! Plus 10 full time employees.

As we walked throughout the house which contains many things from Europe one could only wonder what it would have been like to live in such a home. After the house tour we proceeded on to the garden tour. Again the gardens were wonderful, and since it is spring the flowers were beautiful.

On our way home I informed the committee we had a problem with the grand room of our Rodgers House, a major leak of some kind. I will contact Jim and see what he thinks we can do to fix the problem. We also toured our grounds; I explained to them what was going on. Melanie was upset about the fence, but I informed her it will be put back in place as soon as possible, as well as the many plants taken out. We looked at a location for the water fall as well. Preceded on to the front of the house where we have a water problem, I will address that myself. I think we can take out one of the sprinklers that are in the stone work and eliminate some of the standing water.

We have a wedding in May at the house and on the patio and everyone were asking questions concerning the hold in the parking lot. Where the guest will park and etc.

We had a great day and learned a lot about the history of the Filoli mansion.

Chairperson, Loretta Estrada