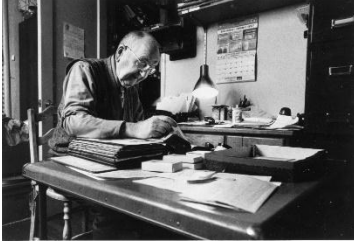


Contra Costa County Historical Society Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon

Celebrating Two Anniversaries: The CCCHS 75 and the Anza Expedition 250



Louis Stein, CCCHS co-founder



Photos courtesy of NPS. Artist David Rickman

**Saturday, January 24, 2026
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Concord Museum & Event Center**

This year's program *Celebrating Two Anniversaries* highlights the milestone of our own historical society as well as that of the extraordinary travels of the Anza Expedition. CCCHS75 will be presented by CCCHS staff and board, and Anza250 will be presented by Beverly Lane, a local history museum curator, author, California historian, and resident of San Ramon Valley.

As the Declaration of Independence was being written, the Anza colonizing expedition arrived at its destination in San Francisco. Expedition members, 240 in total, included men, women, and children representing a mix of Indigenous, African, and European heritage. In present-day Contra Costa County, Anza's exploratory group camped near Rodeo at the mouth of the San Pablo Bay. The next day, they stopped on a hill just west of the Carquinez Bridge and noted Mare Island and the Puerto Dulce (Suisun Bay). They continued to the Martínez area and camped near Concord.

And as the first color TV program was being broadcast by CBS in 1950, the idea of creating a Contra Costa County historical society was first discussed by Louis Stein and Judge A.F. Bray, both of whom were serving on the County Development Association at the time. On April 30, 1951, the Contra Costa County Historical Society was formally created with Judge A.F. Bray as its first President.

As a thank you to our Society members, whose support has allowed CCCHS to grow and thrive for 75 years, we are taking you back in time to 1951!

The CCCHS Board is treating members to the 1951 Membership Meeting price of \$2.00.

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Special 1951 Member Price: \$2.00 per member

(This special price is available for CCCHS members with paid memberships expiring Jan 25, 2026 or later.)

\$45.00 pp for member guests and non-members

\$25.00 pp Student price

RSVP's required by January 16th.



Location:

Concord Museum & Event Center, 1928 Clayton Rd., Concord

Accessibility: The Event Center is ADA accessible. The parking lot is located behind the CMEC and the Galindo House on Marina Ave., just off of Amador Ave. Please note: parking is limited.

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Program agenda:
Registration and Welcome Reception
Lunch and beverages served
Contra Costa County Historical Society Annual Review
CCCHS celebrating 75 Years
Anza Expedition, 250th Anniversary
Raffle drawing and book sales

RSVP Form

Please complete and return this form **before January 16, 2026**. Make checks payable to:

Contra Costa County Historical Society
724 Escobar Street, Martinez, CA 94553

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Number attending: _____ @ \$2.00 pp – CCCHS 75 Years Member price
_____ @ \$45.00 pp – Member guest and non-member price
_____ @ \$25.00 pp – Student price

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Credit card number: _____ Exp date: _____

Cardholder name: _____ CVV: _____

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For more information or to RSVP by phone, please call CCCHS at (925) 229-1042.

