

San Joaquin Valley Colony

Fifty for 50! The San Joaquin Valley Colony is gearing up for its **50th Anniversary Celebration**. We'd like to see 50 members, guests, and friends of the colony in attendance. This luncheon celebration will be held **June 8th, 2024, at Sunnyside Country Club** located at 5704 E. Butler Ave. in Fresno. The country club garden room, with its floor to ceiling windows, offers a panoramic view of their beautifully landscaped property, an elegant dining room, and full-service dining.

Come join our honored guest speaker, Author *Donna Watkins* – 9th Great-granddaughter to Alice Bishop. Other notable attendees will be a founding member *Mr. Dale Thomas*, CA Governor (North) - *Diane Douglas*, CA Historian - *Mandy Dunkle*, and Oregon Governor - *Beth Lambright*. The meet and greet will begin at 10:30 am, followed by lunch service and presentations.

Our board of directors are diligently seeking founding members, from 1974, or their families. If you have any information about a founding member, their family, or photos, please email *Diane Nitta* at tndnitta@gmail.com.

Photo: SJVC Governors Bob Soule and Evelyn Forbes holding 1974 Charter



To make a reservation, Contact *Mark Storch* at 760.793.3725 or email him at kh2jx@earthlink.net. The cost is \$35 per person and includes a gourmet meal with your choice of beef, chicken, or a vegetarian option and a complimentary drink of coffee or tea.

Donations to the San Joaquin Valley Colony are used to fund scholarships and other sponsored programs. A donation of \$50 for our 50th Anniversary would be greatly appreciated. Contact *Diane Nitta* for details (see email above).

Dust off those old bell bottoms, hop into your Ford Pinto, and reminisce with us about 1974!

Diane Brueggemann
SJVC Historian