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*To the Historical Commission:*

I'm writing in support of the Los Altos Chapter, DAR's nomination for the **Los Altos Historic Preservation Award**.

The "Settlers Project" group completed their research in 2021 and completed the project in 2022 by distributing the book on their website and through donations to the National and State DAR library, local history museum, genealogy society, library groups, and world-wide by donation to the Family Search online book collection.

*The project met several of the award criteria:*

**-- Demonstration of pioneering and innovative efforts in historic preservation and education:**

*This project took creative approaches to local history research during a pandemic, engaged over 20 people in researching local settlers and writing up their profiles, and took a fresh look at distributing the information in printed and virtual form.*

**-- Public Benefit received: (educational, beautification, advocacy, etc.)**

*This early local history is now documented and broadly available to the public. The project profiled local residents, even ones who are not famous, and documented their lives. It engaged descendants of the Berry family and other early settlers in the research, and connected the researchers with the current residents of historic homes. The project documented the namesakes of local streets, schools, and other facilities, bringing the meaning back to these names and keeping the early residents' memories alive.*

**-- Impact to the City of Los Altos:**

*The project preserves the early history of the City of Los Altos, brings meaning to local place names, and brings the Los Altos community to the world through the broad distribution of the work on the web and in national and state libraries.*

As a resident of Mountain View, I've often wondered about the meaning behind Sleeper Ave, Sprinter Rd, Bubb School, Huff School, and other places. I live near Eunice Ave. I learned from the project that this street was named for Eunice, wife of Frank Sleeper, who immigrated to the local area

before 1860, was a farmer, and served two terms on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

*Please name the Los Altos Chapter, DAR project as winner of this year's **Los Altos Historic Preservation Award.***

Thank you,  
Linda Johnson