

Davenport reunion benefits old church

DAVENPORT — Proceeds from Saturday's bi-annual Coast Road Reunion totaled \$1,500 to benefit restoration of St. Vincent de Paul Church.

Organizer Alvin Gregory reported 350 persons attended the dinner-dance at the Coconut Grove.

Mrs. Catherine Wilson, 92, of Swanton Road was the oldest lady present. Manuel Ferreira, 82, of Santa Cruz was the oldest man and Bailey West of Little River traveled the farthest for the event.

Sal and Triny Celebrado of Davenport cap-

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tured the award for having the most children — nine. Four of their offspring attended the reunion.

Joe Brovia, a native of Davenport, snatched the title of the most famous Davenportonian. During the 1940s and 1950s, Brovia played baseball with the San Francisco Seals and Portland Beavers in the old Pacific Coast League before joining the National League's Cincinnati Reds.

Native Davenportonians were distinguished at the reunion by their red, white and blue rosettes and buttons reading: "I was born in

Davenport."

Committeemembers included Ellen Sandas, Fred Moro, Josephine Di Tano, Gus Stratos, Maria Tomaras, Tom Dietz, Dolly Gregory and Ernie Venturini.

Previous reunions have benefited the Davenport Fire and Rescue Team, Santa Cruz County Historical Society for restoration of the Davenport jail.

This year's prizes were donated by Davenport merchants and farmers.

The St. Vincent de Paul Church was built in 1915.