

The Pardee Home Museum Board of Directors honored the legacy of George Pardee in a garden ceremony on October 19, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of George Pardee assuming leadership of the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

George Pardee, former public health official, former Oakland mayor (1893-95), former Governor of California (1903-07) activated his life passion regarding safe, clean water; the complexity of Pardee's coordinating hydrology, construction engineering, budget and politics to successful completion was an amazing feat.

Dubbed the WATER WARRIORS, Clifford Chan, General Manager of EBMUD, the Honorable Jared Huffman, US Congressman, District 2, and Dr. Peter Gleick, Founder of the Pacific Institute, provided important messages about the past, present and future of water. Other remarks were provided by Peter Vorster, PHM Advisory Board member, Doug Linney, EBMUD Ward 5, and Bill Patterson, EBMUD Ward 6.

Each was honored: Clifford Chan for "his love of history and the continuation of visionary leadership in the tradition of George Pardee."

Jared Huffman for "more than 25 years of water leadership at the local, state and national level."

Dr. P. Gleick for "over 40 years of envisioning water sustainability for the present and the future."

Bill Patterson was honored for 27 years on the EBMUD Board of Directors from which he is now retiring, "during which his devotion to diversity and equality were exemplified in many other aspects of community service." He cut the ribbon on a new permanent display depicting the building of EBMUD and Pardee's way of communicating with the public.

Another certificate went to Congresswoman Barbara Lee "in recognition of stellar representation of her East Bay constituents with emphasis on changes in the environment, clean water, safe housing and world peace." Ms. Lee had noted the event in the Congressional Record.

The Pardee Home Museum is the house, constructed by Enoch Pardee in 1868, in which George Pardee grew up, married his Oakland High School sweetheart, Helen Penniman, and raised four daughters. Two of the surviving daughters lived in the house until their passing in 1980 and 1981, caring for the many international artifacts collected by their mother and creating a space that reflects their family legacy.

PHM provides monthly public tours on the second and third Saturdays. The House is also known for the best teas in the Bay Area which may be booked inside for 6-12 persons; outside in the garden for more. The garden facility is a lovely site for weddings, baby showers, or corporate affairs. The Pardee Home Museum also schedule musicales, lectures, unique fashion shows and special events.

Please check the website, pardeehome.org for booking teas and other events.



Dr. Peter Gleick and Congressman Jared Huffman listen to Clifford Chan, General Manager of EBMUD, talk about their favorite subject - water.



Bill Patterson cuts the ribbon on the new exhibit of George Pardee's legacy with the East Bay Municipal Utility District.

