



San Gabriel Historical Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To those members who have not renewed their membership for 2007 we urge you to do so as soon as possible. We plan to produce a membership roster the first of April.

Plans are moving slowly for the pending move of the Museum and Hayes House, to make room for the Ratkovich project for the Civic Auditorium parking lot. When the time comes we will need the volunteer assistance of the members to help in the packing and moving to the new location. We will keep you posted on our progress.

We have plans in the "works" for a fund raiser in May. Our next newsletter will have the details. We are planning a "Dine Out" at a local restaurant. The San Gabriel Historical Association will get a percentage of each meal that is purchased in the name of the Association. Keep it in mind - tell your friends to plan on joining you. The more people who join us the more funds we can realize.

As you know our museum and Hayes House are open the first Saturday of each month. We recently participated with the San Gabriel Mission by having a table at the Mission to tell their visitors about our museum and Hayes House. As a result last February 3rd we had a large number of visitors come through our museum and House.

Bill Williams

CALENDAR

Board Meeting	March 12, 7:30 p.m.
General Meeting	March 19, 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	April 9, 7:30 p.m.
May	Dine Out Fundraiser

GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Grapevine Room, San Gabriel Senior
Center, 324 So. Mission Drive

Program: Early Chinese History in the San
Gabriel Valley
Speaker: Ms. Suzie Ling

Refreshments will be served.
For transportation call 282-0749

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Our speaker, Ms. Suzie Ling, is a resident of Temple City and teaches history at Pasadena City College. She is aware of an article on the early Chinese in the San Gabriel Valley written by Edwin Hayes. We would like to have a nice turnout to hear Ms. Ling. Tell your friends and join us for an interesting look at the past.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

On a cold rainy night, March 22, 1907, a new Hayes, Mary Ruth, was delivered in the pink bedroom of the Hayes house by Dr. Elwood, assisted by a neighbor, Laura Crabbe. Except when away at college or on vacation, Mary Ruth lived her entire life in her beloved Victorian home until her passing on July 2, 1990.

Yes, it is 100 years since Mary Ruth was born. How grateful we are for her generosity in leaving her house to us as a record of times past!

YUMMMMmmmm!!!!

Those of you who attended our January meeting no doubt enjoyed the lasagna prepared by Mary Cammarano. I am happy to say that we still have some frozen lasagna available for sale. If you would like to order one please telephone (626) 282-0749. The small lasagna is \$10.00 each and the large \$15.00 each. We'll be happy to deliver them to you.

SPECIAL TOUR

On Tuesday, January 30, the Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade classes from Mission School toured the Museum and Hayes House. Over 75 students, teachers and parents spent time becoming acquainted with early San Gabriel history.

They were given information sheets before the tour and were very attentive and appreciative. Some questions asked were "What is a 'what-not'?" "Where did the cats scratch their claws?" Items of interest were the tinted glass in the front door, the special doorbell, the large disc music box, the old wall phone, the 50's TV in the pink bedroom, and the mangle on the back porch.

They all seemed to enjoy the morning. We hope to have more groups in the future.

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The San Gabriel Valley Music Theater is proud to present "the King and I" May 4, 5 and 6, 2007. The performance will be at the historical San Gabriel Civic Auditorium, 320 S. Mission Drive on Friday, May 4 at 8:00 p.m., Saturday May 5 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m., and Sunday May 6 at 2:00 p.m.

This will conclude our inaugural Season. Be looking for information about our next season. Please call 626-282-1440 and leave a message, or the Box Office 626-308-2865, Ex. 350. Thank you.

Mary Cammarano
President

MUSEUM NEWS

Mr. Paul Young of Adin, California, made a special trip to Southern California on January 29, 2007 to visit our museum in search of information regarding an old farm in

the area of what is presently McKinley School. His family lived on Lime Street and as a youngster, he and his siblings played on that farm property. Paul and his brother took photos of aerial maps, one dating back to 1936. They were very impressed with the valuable historical information that has been preserved and kept in good condition in our museum. Paul Young is a graduate of San Gabriel High School and his older brother graduated from Mark Keppel.

Both brothers worked at the Village Market on Fairview Avenue in the 1960's. They left quite satisfied that they had acquired the information they were seeking for a special project they are working on regarding their years of residency in the City of San Gabriel.

Karen Cranston and Camila Lopez continue to put in several hours a week entering accession data into our computer. Our artifact file room is now in orderly condition thanks to Ellie Andrews.

We recently received vintage baby clothing and "primitive" puppets belonging to Mrs. Mary Lester, a lifelong resident of San Gabriel. She has passed away, but left these articles with her friend Wendy Rebel of Desert Hot Springs. Wendy felt that these "treasures" needed to be sent back to Mary Lester's city. They will be accessioned and kept safely in our museum and perhaps in the near future we will make a special display of these items.

DOCENTS, WHERE ARE YOU! WE NEED YOU!

Members, surely you are interested in volunteering a few hours once a month to keep our wonderful museum and Hayes House viable and open to the public. We are caretakers of a very valuable historical commodity which serves to enrich our city and accommodate those seeking historical information.

Interested in volunteering your time as a docent? Please call the museum office at 626 308 3223, leave your name and phone number on our answering service and Camila Lopez will get back to you. Thank you.

Camila Lopez