

San Gabriel's 1957 Rose Parade Float

SAN GABRIEL HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL MEETING

Installation of Officers and Members of the Board of Trustees ~ Annual Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser

**Program: Alameda Corridor East Update
(San Gabriel Trench Project)**

Speaker: Rick Richmond, CEO—ACE

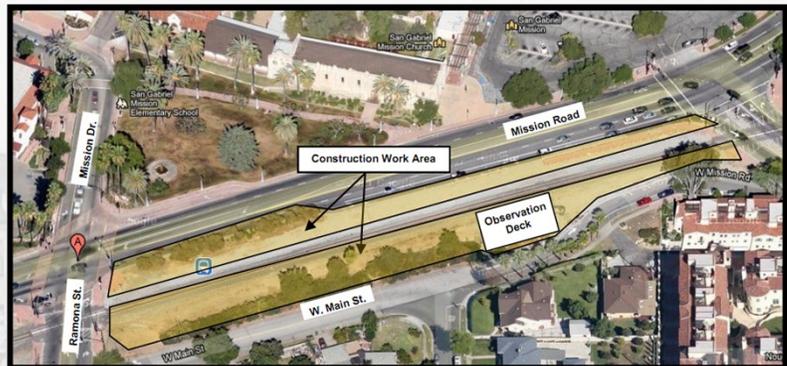
When: Monday, January 23, 2012 ~ 6:00PM
Dinner Starts at 6:00PM —
Program Starts at 7:15PM

Where: Grapevine Room - San Gabriel Senior Ctr
324 So. Mission Drive San Gabriel, CA

Rick Richmond, CEO of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority (ACE) will provide an update on the lowering of the railroad tracks through San Gabriel.

LASAGNA DINNER FUNDRAISER

Dinner cost is \$15/plate. It comes with salad, bread, & beverage. Frozen lasagna to go is available at \$15 per small order and \$22 per large order. Reservations for the dinner as well as orders for frozen lasagna to take home should be made by telephoning Mary Cammarano at 626.286.0565 or Bill Williams at 626.282.0749 by January 19th.



SAN GABRIEL TRENCH PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The 2.2-mile San Gabriel Trench grade separation project will result in the lowering of a 1.4-mile section of Union Pacific railroad track in a trench through the City of San Gabriel with bridges constructed at Ramona Street, Mission Road, Del Mar Avenue and San Gabriel Boulevard, allowing vehicles and pedestrians to pass over the tracks.

Project cost is estimated at \$498.5 million. The project is certified as ready for construction and early construction activities, including archaeological excavation, have commenced. The main construction contract is expected to be awarded in Spring 2012.

Taken from ACE's website:
<http://www.theaceproject.org/sangabrieltrrench.htm>

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Following the Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser, the first order of business at the general membership meeting will be the installation of Officers and Trustees (2012-2013 term) of the San Gabriel Historical Association.

2012 SGHA OFFICERS

President: Bill A'Hearn

Vice-President: Harry Baldwin

Recording Secretary: Ellie Andrews

Corresponding Secretary: Cristina Salazar

Treasurer: Senya Lubisich

Members of the Board of Trustees

Two Year Term (2011—2012)

Ellie Andrews - Harry Baldwin - Stephen Cranston - Camila Lopez - Helen Salazar - Cristina Salazar
Helen Sanchez - Bill Williams

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Bill A'Hearn - Cristina Alvarado - Sally Baldwin - Julie Constanzo - Carol Frances - Senya Lubisich - Eloy Zarate

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(626) 282-0749

Congratulations to the new Officers and Trustees who were elected at the November General Meeting.

- Mary Cammarano, SGHA President

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Happy 2012,

I am so grateful to all of you for your support these past 2 years. We have had quite a bit of growth in membership, fundraising and work done at the Museum.

We still have a long way to go but thanks to so many people who have done so much at the Museum and Hayes House. We now have a work area, we have display areas, new displays are coming, the grounds are looking terrific.

If we reflect on this past 2 years we have been able to have very successful Dinner Programs which are making money for us. Thank you to Luna's Mexican Restaurant for being such a great partner. And to the many members who donate so much. Our Pala trip was successful, another one coming up February 12, please try to join us. Rebuilding Together chose to help us this past year, they did so much work and we appreciate them so much. Mike Cammarano & Bob Baldonado built a wall so we were able to create the new work space for us. Bob has put up display racks for us. Please come by and see the Museum.

I look forward to working with the new Board under the Leadership of Bill A'Hearn. Hope to see all of you January 23, at 6:00 pm for a delicious Lasagna Dinner and a terrific program From ACE, concerning the lowering of the tracks and the Educational Dig.

Mary Cammarano, SGHA President

MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum is coming along well. We just purchased a scanner and a new vacuum. We will now be able to scan old newspaper clippings, photo's etc and the museum and House will be much cleaner.

We will keep Tuesday mornings (subject to change) as work days except on the 17th (Lasagne making day) and the 24th. Tuesday the 31st ok from 10-12Noon. Contact Camila Lopez if you would like to help at 626-287-8482. Tuesdays in February are still open.

Camila Lopez ~ Museum Chairperson

SGHA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the San Gabriel Historical Association is to promote interest in the history of San Gabriel and the San Gabriel Valley. We foster, preserve and protect the historical landmarks, buildings, monuments, customs and ceremonies of early California and San Gabriel. To advocate an awareness of our historical background and priceless heritage through the memory and deeds of those persons who contributed substantially to the making of the history of this area.

An Excerpt from "My First Holiday: or, Letters home from Colorado, Utah, and California" By Caroline Wells Healey Dall

Los Angeles, Sept. 23, 1880. -We had just started for a photographer's, when we met Mr. Severance and the carriage. Thinking it very likely that we should decide to "go tomorrow, they had come in all ready for a picnic; and so without a word we were of.

We went first to the San Gabiel Mission, out over the half-desert road to the foot-hills on the right of the town. Hundreds of tiny squirrels, who seemed far more like prairie dogs, lifted bushy tails over their backs and flitted away to their holes.

The hills are brown, rising out of a dry plain; but their outlines are broad, and give an indescribable sense of freedom. At last we struck the main street of San Gabriel, and came upon the usual mixed population, -Spanish, Indian, Negro, and Chinese. The aristocratic adobe houses, which were built for the early Spaniards, are now the wash-houses of the Chinese. We passed a fantastic building erected for educational purposes by a half-crazy man, and called the Moneyan Institute. It is a centre piece with two rounded ends, not ill-looking in itself; but on the road is a gateway inscribed with fantastic characters, which stand for all the languages in the world.

The " Mission of San Gabriel" is an attractive building, like all those erected by the old Franciscans. The priest's house adjoins the church. We went there for the key, and were told by the handmaiden who showed us round, that we should be expected to deposit "an alm !"

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**The SGHA wishes you a Happy &
Prosperous New Year!**