



# San Gabriel Historical Association

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## GENERAL MEETING

JOINT MEETING WITH THE ALHAMBRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY & RAMONA PARLOR # 109 OF THE NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST.

**When:** Thursday, March 13, 2008 ~ 6:00PM (Dinner Starts at 6:00PM – Program Starts at 7:00PM)  
**Where:** Grapevine Room - San Gabriel Senior Center ~ 324 So. Mission Drive San Gabriel, CA

**Program:** The Life and Times of John Stephen McGroarty – Followed by a tour of the San Gabriel Civic Theater.

**Speaker:** Mary Lou Pozzo, Historian, librarian and a past president of the Little Landers Historical Society, located in Tujunga.

Mary Lou Pozzo, Little Landers Historical Society. Mary Lou is a very active historian, librarian and a past president of this historical society, located in Tujunga. She authored "*Founding Sisters: Life Stories of Tujunga's Early Women Pioneers 1886-1926.*" It covers the lives of 38 of Tujunga's early women pioneers from 1886 to 1926 and includes hundreds of photos spread over its nearly 500 pages. In 2006 the California Historian honored Mrs Pozzo with their Awards of Merit for Scholastic/ Authorship. (Biography taken from the California Historian website)



John Stephen McGroarty

### Full-Course Dinner & Beverage (Catered by Claro's Italian Market)

Cost: \$7.00  
Menu: Meat loaf - Potatoes - Salad - Vegetables - Dessert

PLEASE R.S.V.P. to either of the following telephone numbers:  
(626)282-0749 or (626) 284-6685 by March 10th.

### Open to the Public

Please R.S.V.P. in your dinner

**RESERVATIONS to:**  
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For transportation, call  
(626) 282-0749

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

Our next general meeting will be something new and different as we are having a joint-meeting with the Ramona Parlor of the Native Sons and Daughters and the Alhambra Historical Society. This will be a dinner meeting held at the San Gabriel Senior Center; 324 So. Mission Dr. Grapevine Room, 6:00 PM Thursday, March 13, 2008. The cost is \$7.00 per person. Dinner is catered by Claros. The menu is meat loaf, salad, potatoes, a vegetable, beverage and dessert. **PLEASE R.S.V.P.** to either of the following telephone numbers: (626)282-0749 or (626) 284-6685 by March 10th. Both phones have answering machines. Claros especially needs to have a "head count" for the dinner.

Our speaker for the evening is Mary Lou Pozzo. She is the author of the book "*Founding Sisters: Life Stories of Tujunga's Early Women Pioneers 1886 to 1926.*" A copy of this book is in our museum library. "our own Steven McGroarty" lived for many years in the Tujunga area. Mrs. Pozzo will have stories of the family. Following Mrs. Pozzo's talk there will be a walk-thru of the Mission Playhouse. The Mission Playhouse was originally built to house and present Steven McGroarty's play; "The Mission Play"

We are re-instituting our work days at the museum and Hayes House. The will at 9:30AM, Wednesday, March 5 - 19. April 9—23; May 7 and 23rd. If you have some spare time on these days come and join us. Do plan to attend the dinner on March 13th. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

Bill Williams, SGHA President

**BYLAWS UPDATE**

The Board of Trustees recommends some changes of the Bylaws & Standing Rules that govern the Association. The highlights are:

- Clarifying the Mission Statement
- Returning the Number of Trustees to 15
- Establishing committees to accomplish the goals of the Mission Statement

The complete changes will be available on the website after March 15th. If you are not on our mailing list and want to be notified when the changes are available, please email us at SG.Historical@gmail.com so we can add you to the list. If you can't access the website you can request a hard copy by calling the Museum at (626) 308-3228.

A vote to approve the changes will take place at the May 19th General Meeting.

**IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ!!**

**ANY GRANT WRITERS OUT THERE?**

*SGHA is looking for any members with Grant Writing skills that can help the Association apply for historical grant money. If you are interested please contact the SGHA President, Bill Williams at (626) 308-3223.*

**Turn Off T.V. Week**

On Wednesday, April 23rd, the SGHA Museum will be open from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. as part of Turn Off T.V. Week. All school age visitors will receive a Certificate of Participation. So turn off that television and check out your local history.

**Old Spanish Trail Monument Dedication**

**When: Saturday, March 1st @ 10:30 am.**

**Where: San Gabriel Mission / Plaza Park.**



The Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) will dedicate a monument to the Old Spanish Trail at the San Gabriel Mission.

The Old Spanish Trail is a historic trade route which connected the northern New Mexican settlement of Santa Fé with that of Los Angeles in California. Approximately 1,200 miles (2,000 km) long, it ran through areas of high mountains, arid deserts, and deep canyons. Explored by European travelers as early as 1776, the Trail saw extensive use by pack trains from about 1829 until the late 1840s/early 1850s. The trail pushed mule caravans to the limit. In the first week on the trail alone, the mules scrambled, swam, or dragged their handlers through more than a dozen river crossings. By the time the pack trains reached Los Angeles, they had crossed dune fields in California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado, found their way around the Grand Canyon, and skirted the continent's harshest deserts at Death Valley. (Source: OSTA Website & Wikipedia)

**2008 MEETING CALENDAR**

All meetings will be held at the Grapevine Room of the San Gabriel Senior Center: 324 So. Mission Drive in San Gabriel. Meeting time will be 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted.

Board Meeting	Monday, March 10, 2008
General Membership Mtg.	Thurs, March 13, 2008; 6:00PM
<i>(This is a joint meeting with the Ramona Parlor of the Native Sons and Alhambra Historical Society. Dinner will be served.)</i>	
Board Meeting	Monday, April 14, 2008
Board Meeting	Monday, May 12, 2008
General Membership Mtg.	Monday, May 19, 2008

All Meetings are listed in the calendar on the SGHA webpage.

**Old Pictures and Newspapers**

Do you have any old pictures, newspapers, or memorabilia of San Gabriel lying around that you don't know what to do with? Then, why not donate it to the SGHA Museum where it can be displayed for all to see. We can also scan and return any photographs you may want to keep. For more info, contact the SGHA at (626) 308-3223. Thanks

**Did You Know??**

That San Gabriel became one of the first townships in the County of Los Angeles after American occupation in 1852? And that the City of San Gabriel was incorporated on April 24, 1913 and will be celebrating its 95th Birthday?

**HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY SAN GABRIEL!!!**