



# San Gabriel Historical Association

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I would like to thank all of the members who have joined the Historical Association this year. I especially want to acknowledge the San Gabriel businesses that have given us their support. Thank you, one and all.

Our lasagna dinner was a great success. It raised over \$400.00. Now we would like to try something new - - a "DINE-OUT EVENING". Included with your copy of the NEWSLETTER you will find a flyer for our "Bash For Cash" at the SIZZLER Restaurant, 5405 Rosemead Blvd., Temple City. It is located just south of Broadway on the west side of the street.

I urge all of you to join us for Lunch or Dinner on May 22, 2007. Your family and friends are invited too. As you can see from the flyer, the San Gabriel Historical Association will receive 20% of all sales. You must present the flyer when ordering for our Historical Association to receive the 20% rebate. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Bill Williams

## San Gabriel Chinatown?

Was there ever a San Gabriel Chinatown? Following a very interesting presentation by Suzie Ling, from PCC, some of our members walked a portion of the Mission District, looking for possible signs that there was indeed a Chinatown here in San Gabriel. The area was referred to in an article by Edwin Hayes published in the 1930's. It was located across from the Civic Auditorium and included laundries and markets. It may have continued southwest to the wash. So far no remaining evidence has been found.

However, on inspecting our photo copies of 1900 and 1910 censuses for San Gabriel >>

## GENERAL MEETING

**MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007, 7:00 p.m.**  
Grapevine Room, San Gabriel Senior Center, 324 So. Mission Drive

**Program: Experience San Gabriel Mission**  
**Speaker: Mr. Chuck Lyons, Director of Publicity**

Refreshments will be served.  
For transportation, call 282-0749

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Chuck Lyons, Director of Publicity for the San Gabriel Mission, will present a comprehensive look at the Mission and its history. Following his presentation there will be time for questions.

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## SGHA Now on the Web

Our members who have computers will be interested to learn that information about the Historical Association is now available at <http://webpages.charter.net/wahearn/sgha>. Take a look at it. It's quite good; it even has a membership application that can be printed out. Many thanks to Bill A'hearn for his expertise in putting it together. When he gets the current newsletter he will update the site.

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>>Chinatown (cont.) . . .

Township, we found a great many Chinese men listed. No women were listed. Most of these men listed their work as gardeners or servants. If anyone is interested in researching this we will be happy to assist however we can. I can be contacted at (626) 282-0749.

Bill Williams

## MUSEUM NEWS

Attention All Members!

The museum needs more docent volunteers. We are only open on the first Saturday of each month and the volunteers work in 2-1/2 hour shifts from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It isn't a complicated job. We just need someone to greet and direct the visitors and answer simple questions. This is a great way to meet new people and to keep our minds and bodies active and alert as we "mature".

We also welcome students who might have to complete some community service. They will have an opportunity to learn about the history of our City from our rich collection of artifacts and the many good historical books in our library. We are also in need of yard workers who might be available to help with the weeding and grooming of the museum and Hayes House yard. If you are interested, Please call Camila Lopez at 626 287-8482. Thank you.

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## NOTES FROM SCHOOL TOUR

Here are a few notes received from the 3rd and 4th grade students at San Gabriel Mission Elementary School after their recent tour of the Hayes House:

-Thank you for showing the house. We appreciate it. I will pray for you.

-Tank you for show me the wash machine. And it was beataful. You said this is where they put the clothes. And was the washing macheine old?

-Thank you for showing us the Hayes House. It was cool. It was a beautiful house. I wish I'd live their.

-Thank you for showing us the house and the door bell and for playing the music.

-Tank you for evry thing. It was grat and interesting. I hope it was not a lot of trubel.

-I loved all of the things in the house like the stove and the models of cats. But one of my favorites was the ice box. It was nice to see all kinds of history of the house.

-Thank you for showing us the doorbell, the red glass, and the music box. It was very fun. I hope you have a nice day. May God's love shine upon you.

Many notes were individually and colorfully decorated. What a great group of kids!

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## MORE RESEARCH NEEDED

Suzie Ling, who presented our last program, also spent a morning at the Hayes House, photographing a number of the Oriental items owned by the family. She was able to obtain information on several of them but others are still a mystery, including several old wooden boxes. If you have any expertise in this field we would be glad to have your help. Please call the Museum and leave a message. 626 623-6383

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## CITY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

During the City's Birthday Party one of the interested visitors to the Hayes House was Joe Castillo, who lives in Temple City. His mother, Victoria Castillo, used to help Mary Ruth care for her house and he and his brothers often were given the job of cleaning up the "cat room".

Other visitors were a Chinese gentleman from Alhambra, looking for historical information to help him in opening a Victorian Tea Room in an old house in Alhambra, and a history teacher at Gabrielino High School who may try to bring one of his classes to tour the House and Museum in June.

We welcome them all.

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## CALENDAR

Board Meeting May 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Grapevine Room  
General Meeting May 21, 7:00 p.m.  
Grapevine Room  
Dine-out Fundraiser May 22, 11 - 8 p.m.  
Sizzler, Rosemead  
Board Meeting June 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Grapevine Room