



San Gabriel Historical Association

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It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Pam Izmirian on October 21st. Pam and her husband Al are long time members of the Association. She was a tireless supporter of the Association, and the first "chairperson of the Hayes house." Pam always strived to have the house displayed as historically accurate as possible, and to reflect the lives of the families that occupied the house over the past 120 years. She will be missed dearly.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As you know our museum and Hayes House are open for visitors the first Saturday of each month. In addition we are open for groups by appointment. Recently, we opened for a school group from Orange County. We were visited by children and teachers from the Faith Christian Academy in Anaheim. The school has students from kindergarten thru grade 12. Also, we had two groups visit our Museum and Hayes House during the recent High School Reunion for San Gabriel High Classes of 1956 & 1957. We are always pleased to open the museum and Hayes House for special groups.

Thru the hard work of Bill A'Hearn, the San Gabriel Historical Association has its own website. It can be viewed at:
<http://webpages.charter.net/wahearn/sgha.htm>. Those of you with computers; try it out. Bill keeps it updated. Just added, a calendaring function, showing board & general meetings.

At the November 19, 2007 general membership meeting we will have our annual election of officers and trustees for 2008.

We continue to need volunteers to act as docents when the museum is open. If you can give us a Saturday from 11:00AM to 4:00PM please get in touch with Camila Lopez (626)287-8482, or Bill Williams (626) 282-0749. It's a great way to learn more about the history of San Gabriel.

Bill Williams

GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Monday, November 19, 2007 7:00 pm

Grapevine Room - San Gabriel Senior Center
324 So. Mission Drive San Gabriel, CA

Program: La Casa Community Center
of San Gabriel

Speaker: Cheryl Prentice, CEO of La Casa
Community Center

Ms. Prentice will talk about the 61 year history of La Casa, its founders and of all the programs and services provided at La Casa.

** Open to the Public – Refreshments **
For transportation, call (626) 282-0749

The Election of Officers and Trustees will take place at the November General Meeting.

The Proposed Slate:

Officers 2008

President	Bill Williams
Vice President	May Cammarano
Recording Secretary	Beatriz Mojarro
Corresponding Secretary	Isela Bowles
Treasurer	Scott Bowles

Trustee Class of 2009

Bill Williams	Bill A'Hearn
Scott Bowles	Senja Lubisich
Sally Baldwin	

Nominations may also be made from the floor.

CALENDAR

Board Meeting	Nov 13 th 7:30 p.m.
General Mtg. & Election	Nov 19 th 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting	Dec 10 th 7:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Jan 14 th 7:30 p.m.
Gen'l Mtg. & Lasagna Dinner	Jan 22 nd 7:00 pm

All meetings will be held at the Grapevine Room,
unless otherwise noted.

BUDGET MATTERS

The Budget ratified at the September General Meeting did not reflect some reductions made previously by the board. The correct totals are:

Expenses	\$5571
Income	\$4850

Please note that the cost of painting the Hayes House was deferred to 2008.

IN MEMORIAM

Howard Gorton was a long time member of the San Gabriel Historical Association and served as President of the Association for two years, in 2000 and 2001. He passed away at his home on October 18th, 2007. Howard was a licensed engineer. He was a great asset to the Historical Association and we could always count on his involvement in many of the projects we had with the museum and Hayes house. Howard was a gentle man and he will be missed by all who knew him.

The Association has received donations in memory of Mary Banks. Mary & her family owned Boulevard Florist and were very involved in the history of our community

The Historical Association is the fortunate recipient of a retrospective look back in time from one of San Gabriel's pioneering families, the Mullocks. This retrospect is courtesy of Sarah Duncan. Below is an excerpt:

A California Retrospect by Dan C. Mullock **As told to his daughter, Sarah Duncan**

Getting an Education

My half-brothers, Henry and McAlpine, went to a school on Mission Drive, about where Sycamore Street is now, on the west side of Mission. My brother, Will, went to the school on Del Mar, south of Huntington Drive. This school burned down and while a new school was being built, classes were held in a building on the east side of Mission, about where Padilla Street is now. I went to the rebuilt school on Del Mar. The next school to be built, in what was then part of the San Gabriel School district, was on the west bank of the arroyo, which is the present boundary between Alhambra and San Gabriel. The school was located about 200 feet south of Main Street. The next school to be built was the Washington School. I walked approximately 1½ miles to the school on Del Mar, about halfway between Longden and Huntington Drive. It was a one-room school, with one teacher and about 25 pupils. My first teacher was a Mr. Warren. He was followed by a Miss Gray, who came here from Maine for her first teaching job. She was followed by Miss Kate Sessions, who later became a noted nurserywoman and horticulturist.

Our water supply came from an artesian well about half a mile from school, brought in 5-gallon buckets, two boys provided the water transportation system. We all used the same tin dipper to drink from. A small wood burning stove warmed the room in winter. Outdoor toilets were located in the far corner of the school ground. There were four or five large oak trees on the school grounds and we sometimes played tree tag - if you got on the ground to keep away from the one who was after you, you had to be "it". Another game was called Prisoner's Base. We also played baseball.

If you enjoyed reading this excerpt about life in San Gabriel over 120 years ago, stop by and visit the SGHA Museum to read the rest of his story...