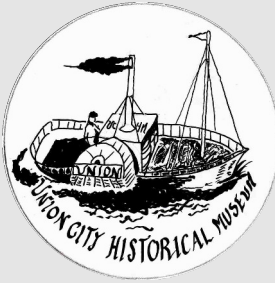


# UNION CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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**Mission Statement:** *The Union City Historical Museum is a non-profit organization committed to the preservation, maintenance and protection of, and the education of the public about the architectural, cultural, natural and historical heritage resources of the City of Union City.*

**Three Components:** (1) Museum & Artifacts; (2) Oral History; (3) Preservation of Historical Homes.

Museum Board meets quarterly at the Museum at 7:00pm.

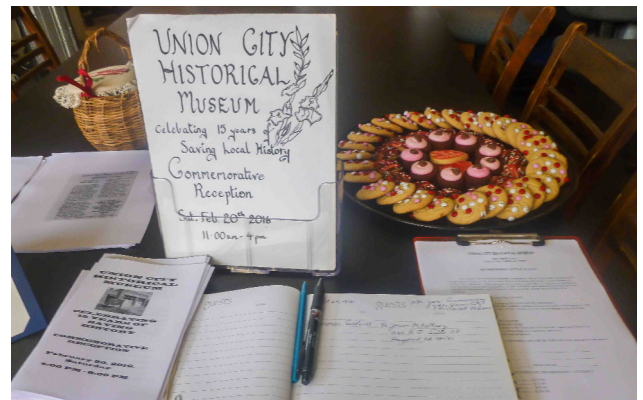
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Dennis Jeffrey, PhD, Webmaster.

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## UNION CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM CELEBRATED 15 YEARS



Thank you Assembly Member Bill Quirk for this Resolution presented to the Union City Historical Museum on its 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.



# THE MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS



Volunteer Ed Roldan landscaped the Museum front with beautiful plants and flowers.

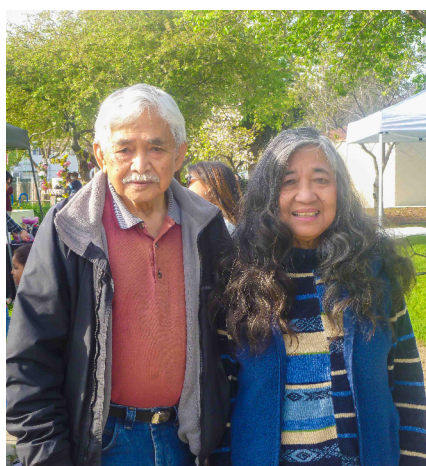


Logan students helping the Museum.



Announcing the start of the Union City Library Lobby Booksale. Myrla Raymundo is President of the *Friends of the Union City Library* and Mariza Dysiong is the Secretary. Please visit the Library Lobby and buy your favorite books.

Alvarado Historic District Merchants Association held the second *Spring Festival Egg Hunt* last March 19, 2016 at the Alvarado Park. Assembly Member Bill Quirk graced the occasion. Hundreds of kids enjoyed the egg hunt.





Museum Officers Ray and Myrla Raymundo manning the Union City Historical Museum's Table at Logan's *Community Service and Jobs Faire* on March 22, 2016. Lots of Logan students signed up for Community Services.

## THE SILVER DOLLAR



*The Silver Dollar* was owned by Antone (Tony) Santos. He arrived in the U.S. from Portugal in 1911 and he was naturalized in 1919. He worked as a laborer in the salt industry until he built a Shell Gas station on the corner of Vallejo and the Alvarado Centerville Road. Later he added the *Silver Café* on the corner of Watkins and the Alvarado Centerville Road.

Tony Santos married Mae Davilla and had two children, Alvina and Winifred. Alvina married Tony Brune and Winifred married William Harper.

## UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA 94587 CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS: 1960-1963

- 1960 - Subdivisions began (Town & Country, Casa Verde, Regency Park, Contempo, Creekside).
- 1960 - James Logan High School opened and dedicated by Assemblyman Carlos Bee.
- 1960 - First City Queen: Pat Whittler.
- 1960 - First apartment: 11<sup>th</sup> and I Streets.
- 1960 - Little League organized in spring.
- 1960 - Our Lady of the Rosary dedicated by Bishop Merlin J. Guifoyle.
- 1961 - Decoto School District approves \$1 million budget.
- 1961 - Manuel Hidalgo dies of cancer.
- 1961 - Union Sanitary District annexed Alvarado.
- 1962 - Union City expands to 18 square miles. Hill areas annexed. Population reached 6,103.
- 1962 - Councilman Joe Lewis died.
- 1962 - Fire leveled Decoto cannery.
- 1962 - Alvarado School won 50-cent tax hike.
- 1962 - Ratekin nipped Irv Williams' election bid.
- 1962 - Kitayama new mayor.
- 1962 - Will Davis appointed to City Council.
- 1962 - Seven Hills development approved.

- 1962 - Best Blocks store opened.
- 1962 - Dry Creek flooded Mission Blvd.
- 1963 - Joseph Seoane was "Citizen of the Year".
- 1963 - City Council voted 3-1 to reject school unification.
- 1963 - \$1.5 million Mobile Park approved.
- 1963 - Seeger quits as City Manager, blasting empty authority of his office.
- 1963 - Gail Pagan headed Decoto Board of Trustees.
- 1963 - Union Plaza approved.
- 1963 - Union City finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in State Little League finals.
- 1963 - Alvarado 1<sup>st</sup> Western bank robbed of \$4,000.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

The General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers/Directors will be held on June 6, 2016, at the Museum at 7:00pm.

All members are invited to attend the General Membership Meeting.

The next slate of elected officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) will hold seats for a one year term, from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

The next slate of elected directors will hold their seats for a two-year term, from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

The Nominating Committee will accept written nominations either in person or through the mail. Nomination forms are available at the Museum.

The Museum, 3841 Smith Street, Union City, must receive nominations no later than 5:00pm on May 15, 2016.

**The Nominating Committee:** Myrla Raymundo, Carlen Gregorio

**July 6, 2015**  
(Induction of Officers/Directors)

**2015 - 2016**  
**Museum Meetings**  
**Mondays 7:00pm at**  
**the Museum**

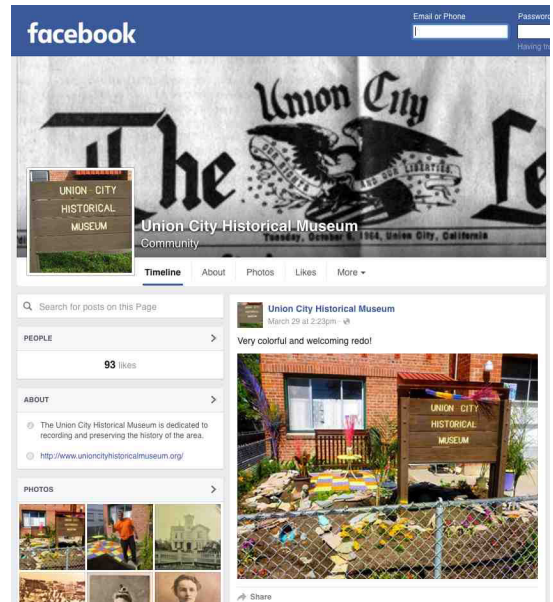
**October 5, 2015**

**January 4, 2016**

**April 4, 2016**

**June 6, 2016**  
(Election of Officers/Directors)

## INVITATION TO VISIT THE MUSEUM ON FACEBOOK



Here's an invitation to all of you good readers to visit the Union City Historical Museum Community on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/UCMuseum/>

The Museum's Facebook community allows you to see photos and read latest news, discuss topics relevant to the Museum, and stay connected to the Museum as we work together to preserve Union City history for generations to come.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Dom Filardo**

I believe it's noteworthy to recap what has transpired this past month for the benefit of readers.

Last February 20th was indeed a very memorable occasion for the Union City Historical Museum as its 15th year anniversary was celebrated. Honorable Bill Quirk, Assembly Member of the 20th District, presented a commemorative plaque of Proclamation to the Union City Historical Museum for outstanding services to Union City and the community in general for years of saving history. Museum members and guests including personnel from the school board, museum staff from other cities, and museum enthusiasts were present. A tour of the museum was conducted and guests were shown artifacts and collections. Sumptuous food had been prepared for the guests. The officers received a very encouraging and commendable praise from Honorable Bill Quirk.

On this occasion, I would like to thank some of the officers who have untiringly served this non-profit organization whose primary mission is to serve the community. It's a hectic year considering our struggle to overcome our undertakings and many activities including monitoring the Logan High School volunteers, working with Municipal Court Project 22, and providing community awareness about the Museum.

I applaud in particular Dennis Jeffrey, board member, for doing a very remarkable job. Dennis has provided us his expertise in computers and communication through coordination via interfacing with the utilities company. He is at present our in-trainee editor for the Union City Historical Museum newsletter under the wings of Myrla, CEO and current editor. We are pleased with his work and are proud of him.

It was an exciting year and in a couple of months (June 2016) the Museum calendar year will be over. A new set of officers and board of directors will soon be nominated and elected. For those members who believe they can share a little of their talent and can commit to a few hours of their time in a week, please let us know. You may contact Myrla Raymundo or myself to express your interest. Hope to see you all come election time.

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## FOUNDER'S NOTES



**Myrla Raymundo, MBA  
Founder/Chief Executive Officer**

### **UNION CITY THROUGH THE YEARS by Myrla Raymundo**

This book contains the history of our City, Union City. It tells about the first people in Union City, the pioneers, the early industries. It tells about the past and present happenings.

It tells about places of interest, such as the First County Court House, the Sugar Mill, the Old Brick Pump House, Dry Creek Cottage and Garden, Drive-In Theater, Ralph and Mary Ruggieri Senior Center, the Masonic Home, Farmers Market, Union City Skate Park, Drigon Dog Park and Chapel of the Chimes.

It tells about our City Government, way of transportation and places of worship. And most of all, it tells about the people of Union City.

### **UNION CITY ORAL HISTORY by Myrla Raymundo**

A lot of people have changed Union City in many ways. They were the first people in Union City, the pioneers, the residents, the developers, architects and engineers and business people. These people who helped change our city were guided by their dreams. They were the achievers, the movers and the shakers.

This book offers a snapshot of the lives of many of those early settlers and the hardships and challenges they faced that helped shape Union City as we now know it. This is a tribute to these people who lived in this City for many, many years. We are indebted to these people for the great heritage that we enjoy today.

This book also tells stories of the people who are continuously forming the course of history in our City. We will read about their activities, their movements, and their contributions to the forming of Union City.

**These two books are available at the Museum.**

# THE UNION CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Myrla Raymundo, MBA, Founder/CEO**

**Officers: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

Dom Filardo, President  
 Allen Cecil, Vice-President  
 Adrienne Realiza, Secretary  
 Fely Garcia, Treasurer

### **Directors:**

**July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2017**

Ligfinio (Ray) Raymundo  
 Carlen Gregorio  
 Dennis Jeffrey  
 Rey Mendiola  
 Anthony Lorenzo  
 Anthony Pabros  
 Hugh McNamara  
 Oliver Olano

**July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2016**

Sarabjit Cheema  
 Grace Olano  
 Noel Panlilio

## WELCOME NEW MUSEUM LIFETIME MEMBERS

Ann Bess Chanco  
 Ed Roldan

## MUSEUM LIFETIME MEMBERS

Phil & Leila Verzola  
 John & Cathy Tester  
 Eva Kamakea  
 Mike dela Cruz  
 Ligfinio (Ray) & Myrla Raymundo  
 Gina Lewis  
 Reiner & Sheryl Glausch  
 Al & Marsha Badella  
 Barbara Scheifler  
 William & Dorothy Pearce Hubbard  
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 Steve Miller & Diane LaMountaine  
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 Joey & Vilma Golaw  
 James Celcer  
 Sarabjit Kaur Cheema  
 Emily Duncan  
 Richard & Barbara Aro Valle  
 Kathy Logan  
 Manuel & Lita Abad  
 Elmer & Vicky Guzman  
 Alice Robie  
 Alvarado Historic District Merchants Association  
 Dennis Jeffrey & Smruti Parichha  
 Adrian Swartz  
 Ann Bess Chanco  
 Ed Roldan

## EDITORIAL BOARD

We are the "ears and eyes" of the Union City Historical Museum. We bring the Union City news to you. Hope you enjoy reading our Newsletter.



Myrla Raymundo,  
MBA



Dennis B Jeffrey,  
PhD



Ligfinio (Ray)  
Raymundo

## IN MEMORIAM

Erma Maciel Andrade