

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.

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

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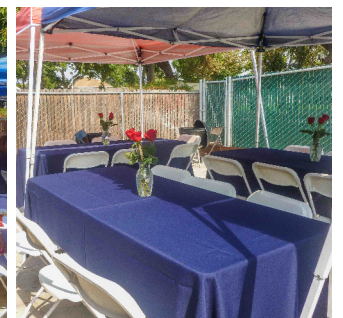
THE NEWLY-DESIGNED UNION CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM GALLERY DESIGNED BY MUSEUM DIRECTOR IAN CONDON

The displays were divided into four historical periods: *Native American Era*; *19th Century European Settlers*; *Early 20th Century*; and *Modern History*. Come and visit the Museum to see the whole design!

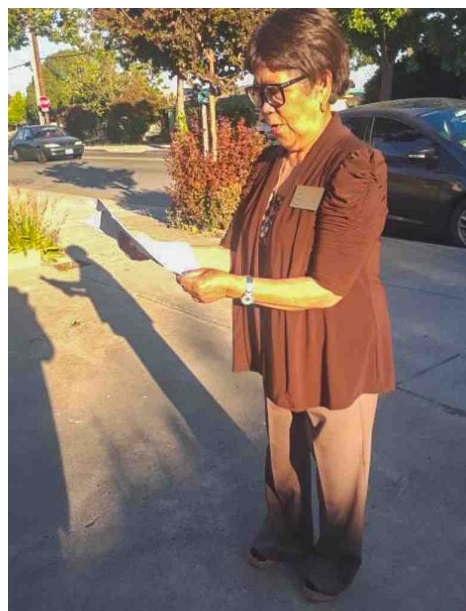


MUSEUM PICNIC

The Annual Museum Picnic was held last July 28, 2018 behind the Museum. It was attended by the Museum members, officers and guests. Bill and wife, along with Ian Condon staged a very beautiful arrangement and provided some of the delicious dishes.



THE NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS/DIRECTORS OF THE UNION CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM



**Councilmember Pat Gacoscos
was the Installing Officer**

STANDARD SUGAR MANUFACTURING COMPANY



**Contributed By
Anthony Gualco**

"It was in 1879 that the Standard Sugar Manufacturing Company was incorporated. The company was located on the Dyer farm in Alvarado at the site of the old California Beet Sugar Mfg. Company, which had failed in 1874. The old mill building was used and added onto to create the mill for the new Standard Sugar Company. This company has made a success of the business from the start. It earned 33 percent on the capital invested the last or third campaign (1881), and is now just commencing on its fourth campaign (1882) with very flattering prospects." -- "U.S. Department of Agriculture, Division of Chemistry, Bulletin No. 27"; *Culture of the Sugar Beet*, H.W. Wiley, 1890.

Although it was successful from the start, the company did not pay any dividends after its first year of operations, deciding to build a cash reserve against any possible downturn in business.

After operating for five years (1885), the results were most gratifying. About 6,000,000 pounds of refined sugar was produced during that time. For the years 1881 to 1884, the dividends averaged 19.5 percent per year on the amount.

From 1883 to 1887, the mill at Alvarado was the only one in the United States that produced refined beet sugar, all others having failed. In 1888 Claus Spreckels began building his great mill at Watsonville. It would open in 1889. In 1890 the third beet sugar mill in the U.S. would open in Grand Island, Nebraska by the Oxnard brothers.

So, what was the first commercially successful beet sugar in the United States? I reviewed nine books written on the subject of beet sugar that offered their opinion on the first successful mill. Five books consider the 1870 Alvarado Mill to be the first, including: *The Beet Sugar Gazette Company*, ©1911; *The Sugar Beet in California*, ©1926; *Beet Sugar Handbook*, ©2007.



E.H. Dyer's Standard Sugar Co. built in 1879. On the left part of the mill you can see the old mill of 1870 that was added onto.

UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA, CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS: 2016

By Myrla Raymundo, MBA, Founder/CEO, Union City Historical Museum

2016 (June) - The General membership Meeting and Election of Officers/Directors was held at the Museum. Dennis Jeffrey was elected President.

2016 (June) - Derrell Platt Blackburn opened his Pure Juice & Smoothie Lounge.

2016 (June) - The annual Walk Into Union City History event for 4th graders was held. Teacher Mr. Partridge brought around 200 4th graders to the Union City Historical Museum. Myrla Raymundo, Founder/CEO, gave the students the Union City Historical Tour in the Museum and showed them a PowerPoint presentation on the history of Union City. The students then had a picnic at the nearby Alvarado Park.

2016 (June) - The annual Adobo Festival (Celebrating Filipino Food and Music), presented by JSCamins Productions, was held at the Kennedy Park in Union City. Special guest was Jessica Sanches, American Idol Season Finalist.

2016 (June) - Rita McBryde, a retired Alvarado Elementary School (AES) teacher, donated her work of art (an AES quilt), made from a collection of her T-shirts through the years.

2016 (July) - Union City Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci conducted the Installation of Officers/Directors of the Union City Historical Museum, for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Congratulations to the new slate of officers headed by President Dennis Jeffrey, PhD.

2016 (July) - Union City Police Department celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the William Cann Civic Center Park.

2016 (July) - Myrla Raymundo, President of the Friends of the Union City Library, invited the community to visit the Union City Library and buy books at the Lobby Sale at the Library Entrance. Proceeds helped the different library activities.

2016 (August) - Union City Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci performed the Installation of Officers Ceremony of the Alvarado Historic District Merchants Association (AHDMA). The officers are Derrell Blackburn, President, Sarah Lantino, Vice-President, Jeanelle Singh, Treasurer, Teresa Serrano, Secretary, and Directors Myrla Raymundo, Lu Tipping and Adrienne Realiza.

2016 (August) - Robert Swartz, former Director of the Alvarado Historic District Merchants Association (AHDMA) was recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for his tireless efforts with the organization.

2016 (August) - National Night Out 2016 was held at the Hall Ranch/Veterans Park. Tom Cebulski was the Block Captain.

2016 (August) - The St. Anne's Filipino Senior Association celebrated the birthday girls and boys at their monthly meeting.

2016 (August) - The retired organization, St. Anne's Filipino Group had a reunion.

2016 (August) - Ed Roldan, the Museum Landscaper, produced a big watermelon and some tomatoes in the Museum backyard.

2016 (August) - The 12th Anniversary of the Sister City Festival was held at the Mark Green Sports Center in Union City. Our Sister Cities are Santa Rosalia, Mexico; Pasay City, Philippines; Jalandher, India; Chiang Rai, Thailand; Liyang, China; Asadabad, Afghanistan; and Baybay, Philippines. Pat Gacoscos is President of Sister Cities.

2016 (August) - Rev. Father Rosendo R. Manalo, Jr, Pastor of the Saint Anne Catholic Church in Union City, celebrated his 22nd Anniversary of Ordination. There was a celebration of the mass and a reception afterwards.

2016 (September) - The Community Ambassador Program for Seniors was invited to have a table at the Senior Fitness Day at the Mark Green Sports Center. CAPS Ambassadors Myrla Raymundo and Carlen Gregorio helped in the outreach to the seniors.

2016 (October) - The Open House of the Masjid al-Huda, located in the Old Alvarado area, was held. There was an Open House, a tour of the Masjid, and a reception afterwards. A lot of people attended the event.

2016 (October) - Myrla Raymundo was awarded the MADIC (Making a Difference in the Community Award), given by the Union City Human Relations Commission.

2016 (November) - Robert A. Garfinkle, former Union City Councilman, gave a book review for author Myrla Raymundo's book "Union City Oral History".

2016 (November) - Our Museum says goodbye to three wonderful people – Ligfinio (Ray) Raymundo, Frank Joseph Borghi, Jr. and Antoinette Elizabeth Pinto.

2016 (November) - Congratulations to the winners of the Union City election: Union City Council: Carol Dutra-Vernaci, re-elected Union City Mayor and Gary Singh, Union City Councilmember. NHUSD School Board: Lance Nishihara, Jeff Wang and Sharon Kaur.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

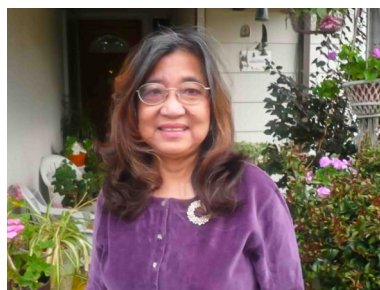


Hugh McNamara

We have a new slate of officers for the year 2018-2019. Let us, and all the officers, support the Museum in any way we can because no organization can stay together when we don't act as one even though we have different ideas.

Founder/CEO Myrla Raymundo founded the Museum in the early 2000's and someday someone will have to take her place for the Museum to continue.

FOUNDER'S NOTES



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

Welcome, new officers and directors of the Union City Historical Museum Board. With your qualifications and enthusiasm, I am very sure you will work on the improvements to the Museum.

As we begin our new term, we are facing numerous challenges. How can we attract more people to visit the Museum? How can we invite people to be members of the Museum? How can we raise more funds for the Museum?

With some of our Officers and Directors of the Museum achieving a great improvement in presenting a new look at our gallery, I am sure that people will admire the new presentations at the Museum.

I enjoin the new Board of Directors/Officers to continue thinking of ways to help our Museum survive the coming year and all the years to come.

Let us keep up the good work.

THE UNION CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Myrla Raymundo, MBA, Founder/CEO

Officers: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Hugh McNamara, President
Ricardo Avelino, Vice-President
Ralf Mueller, Secretary
Carlen Gregorio, Treasurer

Directors:

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2019

Gloria Cardon
Lagrimas Bundang
Angel Villorrente

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020

Dom Filardo
Sarabjit Cheema
Dennis Jeffrey
Robert Swartz
Ian Condon

EDITORIAL BOARD

Myrla Raymundo, MBA
Dennis Jeffrey, PhD

MUSEUM MEETINGS FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

October 2, 2018: Quarterly Board Meeting
January 7, 2019: Quarterly Board Meeting
April 8, 2019: Quarterly Board Meeting
June 3, 2019: Election of Officers and Directors

All Meetings on Mondays, 7:00pm at the Museum

MUSEUM LIFETIME MEMBERS

Phil & Leila Verzola
John & Cathy Tester
Eva Kamakea
Mike dela Cruz
Myrla Raymundo
Gina Lewis
Al & Marsha Badella
Barbara Scheifler
William & Dorothy Pearce Hubbard
Robert & Leslie Swartz
Steve Miller & Diane LaMountaine
Helen Cabiles
Allen Cecil
Angelo dela Cruz
Marcos Gatan, Jr.
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
Edgar Roldan
Evelyn Abellera
Marlene O. Benedict