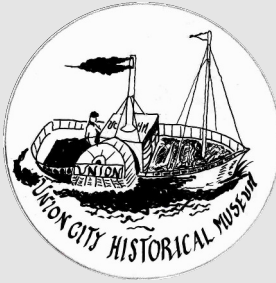


UNION CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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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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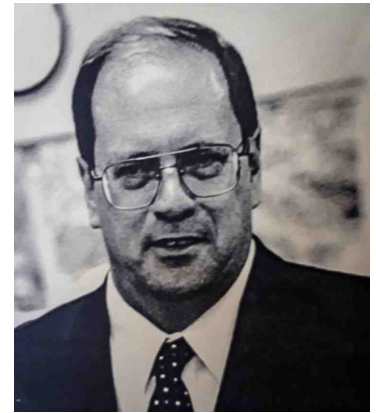
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IN MEMORIAM



Robert (Bob) Swartz, the Past President and Present Board Director of the Union City Historical Museum, passed away last August 29, 2018. Robert was a very prominent person in the City of Union City, having served in different organizations. To name a few: the *Union City Friends*, the *Alvarado Historic District Merchants Association*, and the *Union City Historical Museum*. He will truly be missed.



NEWS AROUND UNION CITY

UNION CITY SISTER CITY FESTIVAL: The Friends of Sister Cities held the *14th Annual Festival* last August 19, 2018 at the Mark Green Sports Center in Union City. There were cultural presentations and show, a delicious dinner, and a raffle. Councilmember Pat Gacoscos is the President.

FLIGHT 93: The *Flight 93 Remembrance and Celebration of Life* was held in Union City last September 11, 2018. It was a well-attended event.

OUR LADY'S MINISTRY ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DINNER: The SDES Hall in Union City held the *Our Lady's Ministry 15th Annual Fundraiser Dinner* last September 15, 2018. There were great speakers and a sumptuous dinner. The main event was the live auction.

FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION: October 27, 2018 was the celebration of *Filipino American History Month* held at Itliong-Vera Cruz Middle School. There were a lot of activities, to name a few: workshops, performances, presentations and speeches.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2018: Groups of people in Union City spent October 27, 2018 volunteering in the *22nd Make a Difference Day* in Union City. They planted trees, cleaned creek trails, and participated in beautification projects to improve the overall appearance of the community.

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA GENERAL ELECTION: The County of Alameda General Election was held last November 6, 2018. Congratulations to the following from the results of the Union City election. **City Council:** Emily Duncan, Jaime Patino, Pat Gacoscos. **New Haven Unified School District:** Sarabjit Cheema, Linda Canlas.

CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARK #768: To all "history buffs": visit the plaque of the Beet Sugar Factory which is located at the corner of Dyer Street and Ratekin Drive. The small factory in Union City, which began processing sugar beets in November 15, 1870, was built in 1870 by E.H. Dyer, "Father of the American Beet Sugar Industry". The factory has been demolished and replaced with housing.

THE PACIFIC COAST SUGAR COMPANY



Contributed By
Anthony Gualco

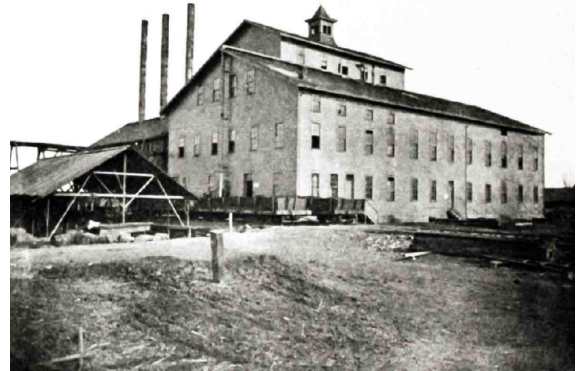
At 2:30 a.m. on January 30, 1887, the Standard Sugar Company suffered a catastrophic explosion in their boiler room. A fireman on duty tending the boiler was killed. Although there was ample time to fix the damage that the company had suffered, the company decided to forgo the 1887 sugar campaign. Then in June 1887, Ebenezer Dyer purchased the mill for \$125,000, and with an additional \$125,000 in capital, a new mill was built. Capacity would be increased from processing 50 tons of beets daily to 200 tons.

The 1888 campaign for the Pacific Coast Sugar Company would be its first and its last. Numbers about the campaign are not to be found. However, The Daily Alta California of San Francisco of October 1, 1888 wrote that, "the Alvarado beet crop was a failure this season because of an insufficiency of rain."

On January 14, 1889 the Spring Valley Water Company brought suit against the Pacific Coast Sugar Company to acquire and hold the right to take, appropriate and divert the waters of Alameda Creek. The Spring Valley Water Co. of San Francisco had riparian rights to the Alameda Creek Watershed and the Alameda Creek itself from Sunol to the SF Bay. Without water from the Alameda Creek, they would have to sink costly underground wells to survive.

Two weeks later a committee was formed to seek a sale of the Pacific Coast Sugar Company to a buyer. The new mill would be sold to the Alameda Sugar Company of San Francisco.

Ebenezer Dyer would go on to form the *E.H. Dyer Company of Alvarado, California and Cleveland, Ohio*. This company would design and build beet sugar processing plants. Ebenezer Dyer would remain in Alvarado and would design the beet sugar mills. Edward and Hugh Dyer would relocate to Cleveland and would work with companies interested in opening beet sugar plants. Besides California, E.H. Dyer & Co. would build plants in Utah, Oregon, Colorado, Michigan and Canada. After a one year contract as a consultant for the Alameda Sugar Company, Ebenezer Dyer no longer had an interest in the Alvarado mill. Next time, the Alameda Sugar Co.



The *Pacific Coast Sugar Company*, successor to the *Standard Sugar Company* and later to become the *Alameda Sugar Company* and the *Holly Sugar Company*.

UNION CITY, CALIFORNIA, CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS 2017: JANUARY - JUNE

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

2017 (January)

Elvamae Marie Borghi, wife of the late Frank Borghi and the Alameda County Fair Queen in 1953, passed away.

MLK Day Clean-up. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as well as a National Day of Service, volunteers in Union City helped to clean up litter at the new rain gardens in Decoto.

Walk For Peace. Parents, children, community leaders in Union City, Fremont and Newark walked together in a show of unity and a call for peace.

The installation of the 2017 Union City Chamber of Commerce Executive Officers and Board of Directors

was held at the Nakamura Clinic in Union City.

The book *Chronology of Events in Union City* was released.

Anthony Gualco published the article "4th of July Celebration" in the Museum Newsletter.

Union City, California Chronology of Events 2000-2002 was published in the Museum Newsletter.

2017 (February)

The Union City Council now has overhead monitors to follow the presentations of the staff during council meetings.

L'Aziz Bakery & Eatery, located at 3834 Smith Street in Union City, opened to the public.

Tessie Gatan, Past President of the Union City Historical Museum and a Community Ambassador for Seniors, passed away.

2017 (March)

Long time Union City (Alvarado) resident and prominent community member, Isabel Barlaan Loyola, passed away at the age of 95.

Union City sponsored a Spring Egg Hunt for the kids at the Old Alvarado Park on Smith Street.

2017 (April)

Remy Fortier interviewed Myrla Raymundo and published her story in the Union City Historical Museum Newsletter.

Anthony Gualco published "Father Duggan" in the Museum Newsletter.

Union City, California Chronology of Events 2003-2005 was published in the Museum Newsletter.

The Union City Council recognized the St. Anne Knights of Columbus, headed by Peter Petit.

2017 (May)

Union City Council presented a proclamation celebrating the 100th birthday of Past Mayor of Union City, Bernie Morales.

A presentation and proclamation recognizing May 15, 2017 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 14-20, 2017 as National Police Week in Union City was held.

Anthony Gualco visited the Union City Historical Museum and donated three big binders filled with stories and information about Alvarado.

2017 (June)

The Union City Historical Museum General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers and Directors was held. Dennis Jeffrey was elected President.

Around 150 Alvarado School 4th graders and some parents had a Walk Through Union City History.

Founder/CEO Myrla Raymundo presented the Annual Report (FY 2016-2017) to the Union City City Council.

Union City, California Chronology of Events 2006-2007 was published in the Museum Newsletter.

Anthony Gualco published "WWII" in the Museum Newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hugh McNamara

The two major holidays are soon to be here. We must not forget the members who passed on and what they had accomplished for the Museum.

The issue of elected officers/directors is they have a very active schedule. If it is possible to find someone to help in the Museum affairs it would help Myrla a lot. If anyone can get a good new member, it would be nice so we can increase our membership.

FOUNDER'S NOTES



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

Let me tell you about the building that the Union City Historical Museum is occupying since the year 2001. It used to be the Alvarado Fire Station. The firehouse went through several building stages. The engine bays were built in 1943, the front office was built in 1948, and the rear sleeping quarters were built in 1962.

The firefighters assigned to this station were an "all volunteer" company until 1964. During that period the Fire Chief, Mr. Elvin Rose, lived approximately one block away from the station. To contact the fire department, a citizen would call the number assigned to the firehouse, which would ring at the Chief's house. The Chief would then push a button to activate the siren on the rooftop of the firehouse, summoning the volunteer firefighters. Another method existed: citizens could push a button located on the front of the firehouse to activate the siren on the rooftop.

In 1964, Union City had enough firefighters to ensure that the Alvarado Station was manned full-time by city staff, and the volunteer department was disbanded. The firehouse was closed in 1984, and remained empty for several years until a Union City Police Officer rented it from the City to use as his residence for a few years. When the officer moved away from Union City, the building remained empty until the Historical Museum occupied it in 2001.

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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