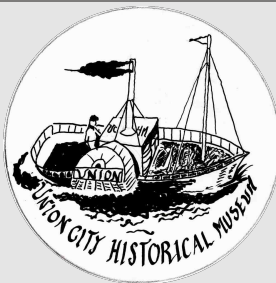


# UNION CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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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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• <http://www.unioncityhistoricalmuseum.org>

• <http://www.facebook.com/UCMuseum>

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## NEWS AROUND UNION CITY

### Union City's New City Manager

Joan Malloy started as our new City Manager on July 1, 2019. She has been the City's Economic and Community Development Director for the last ten years, and prior to that served as Planning Manager. She managed the Economic Development, Planning, Building, Housing and Environmental Programs. Her accomplishments in Union City include: overseeing the planning and development of the Station District and Union Landing; shaping the City's long-range vision through the General Plan process; and most recently, updating plans for the Greater Station District area in order to facilitate more jobs and housing in the area.

### New Haven Unified School District Superintendent Retires

Dr. Arlando Smith, the New Haven Unified School District Superintendent (2013-2019), retired. His retirement plans include taking piano lessons again after a long break, planning to read 70 books, spending time with his grandchildren, taking trips with his wife, going to silent retreats, meditating, and playing golf.

### Anthony Vierra

Anthony Robert Vierra, long-time member of the Museum, passed away last May 2019. He was 103 years old. We will miss him.

### St. Anne Council 8627 Knights of Columbus Installation of Officers

At the Thirty-Fifth Annual Installation of Officers, Columbian Year 2019-2020 last August 10, 2019, held at St. Anne Church in Union City, the following were installed:

<i>Grand Knight</i>	SK Emmanuel Bernal
<i>Deputy Grand Knight</i>	SK Frederick Rezentos
<i>Chancellor</i>	SK Leo Abalos
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Bro. Raymond Fellers II, Dr
<i>Warden</i>	SK Rosewell Liongson
<i>Recorder</i>	Bro. Cecilio Narciso, Jr.
<i>Treasurer</i>	SK Arthur Rafael
<i>Trustee 1-yr</i>	SK Peter Petit, PGK
<i>Trustee 2-yr</i>	SK Benjamin Benitez, PGK
<i>Trustee 3-yr</i>	SK Lito Basa, PGK
<i>Lecturer</i>	SK Dennis Jereza, PGK, PFN, FDD
<i>Advocate</i>	SK Vincent Decierdo
<i>Inside Guard</i>	Bro. Conrad Benitez
<i>Outside Guard</i>	Bro. Cario Villaeuva

Congratulations to all. A delicious dinner was served and there was dancing and music for everyone.

## 7th Annual Larry-O Car Show

The Annual *Larry-O Car Show* was held last August 10, 2019 at the Ruggieri Senior Center in Union City. The show was in honor of Union City's own Larry Orozco. Local senior citizens proudly displayed their classic and custom cars, trucks and hot rods from the 1920's to 1970's. The attendees enjoyed the prizes and raffles, bounce house, face painting, fundraiser BBQ, custom bicycle show, model car displays, and oldies music. Special guest was Union City Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci.

## Concerning the Union City Historical Museum Break-In

There was a recent break-in and theft of historical artifacts and numerous items at the Union City Historical Museum. The intruders broke glass shelves to get the artifacts and opened all cabinets and drawers to steal what they wanted. They left the place in a big mess.

We would like to thank the Police Department for their timely response to the break-in and for any subsequent investigations that they will undertake.

## The Newly-Elected Officers of the Union City Historical Museum



The Installation of Officers/Directors was held last August 22, 2019 at the Union City Historical Museum. It was officiated by Councilmember Pat Gacoscos.

## THE NEW SUGAR MILL



Contributed By  
Anthony Gualco

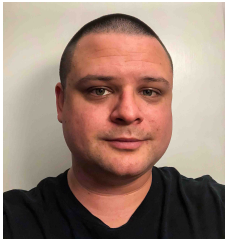
Below is a photo of the inside of the new sugar mill as it stood circa 1936. The interior has more light and looked like a more pleasant place to work. If you compare this photo to the photo of the old mill in the previous issue of the Museum newsletter, you will see a noted improvement. This mill would serve Alvarado until the mid-1960's when it ceased operation and production was shifted to its sister mill in Tracy, California.

Next issue: The signature smokestack comes down!



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

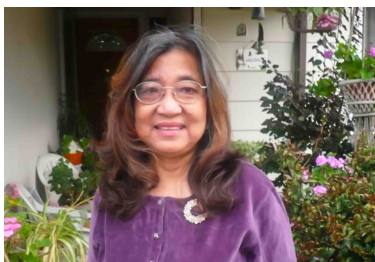


Ian Condon

Hello, fellow members of the Union City Historical Museum! My name is Ian Condon, and as your new President of the Board, I'd like to take the time to say thank you for your continued support of the Union City Historical Museum. Your generous contributions allow us to continue to preserve and display the past for all Union City residents to enjoy for generations to come. I would also like to take the time to say thank you to everyone that has been involved in the Museum Restoration Project over the past 2 years; we could not have done it without your help. As President, I will serve the museum to the best of my abilities, and will continue to volunteer well into the future. *Semper Memento!*

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## FOUNDER'S NOTES



Myrla Raymundo, MBA,  
Founder/CEO

The *Historic Preservation Ordinance* helps preserve the historical structures in Union City. So now the local historians will no longer worry that houses dating back to the 1920's in the Decoto and Alvarado areas will be demolished or significantly changed by owners as the homes age and need repairs. They are protected by the ordinance.

The Museum sends letters to the owners of the homes and buildings asking them if they want their homes or buildings to be preserved. This year we sent out 100 letters to the owners. Not all of them are interested in making their homes preserved. There were only two who responded to include their home or building in the Preservation Ordinance. We will continue to work on the preservation of these old homes and buildings.

# THE UNION CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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

**July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020**

### **Officers:**

Ian Condon, **President**  
Hugh McNamara, **Vice-President**  
Tammy Condon, **Secretary**  
Carlen Gregorio, **Treasurer**

### **Directors:**

Dom Filardo  
Sarabjit Cheema  
Dennis Jeffrey  
William Condon  
Gloria Cardon

## **EDITORIAL BOARD**

Myrla Raymundo, MBA  
Dennis Jeffrey, PhD

## **MUSEUM MEETINGS FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

**October 7, 2019:** Quarterly Board Meeting  
**January 6, 2020:** Quarterly Board Meeting  
**April 6, 2020:** Quarterly Board Meeting  
**June 1, 2020:** Election of Officers and Directors

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

## **MUSEUM LIFETIME MEMBERS**

Myrla Raymundo  
Phil & Leila Verzola  
John & Cathy Tester  
Eva Kamakea  
Mike dela Cruz  
Gina Lewis  
Al & Marsha Badella  
Barbara Scheifler  
William & Dorothy Pearce Hubbard  
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  
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Marlene O. Benedict  
Avtar Singh Dhama