

# 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

On August 30, 2019, the **25th Anniversary of Presbyteral Ordination of Reverend Father Rosendo Delos Reyes Manalo, Jr.** was held at St. Anne Catholic Church. It was well attended and there was a sumptuous dinner and festivities that followed.

On September 29, 2019, a **Welcome Luncheon** was held for Union City City Manager Joan Malloy and New Haven Unified School District Superintendent John Thompson at the *Crowne Plaza Hotel* in Union City. It was organized by Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle and the Union City Chamber of Commerce. Some of the attendees:



On October 19, 2019, the *Friends of the Filipino American Community* celebrated the **Filipino American History month** and gave recognition to Pinay visionaries – Filipina leaders, volunteers and community advocates. Our Museum Founder Myrla Raymundo was awarded the **2019 Pinay Visionary Award for Civic Leadership**.



On October 22, 2019, the *New Haven Pilipino-American Society for Education (PASE)* presented a **Filipino American History Month Celebration** at the *Union City Library*. There were stories by Filipino American authors, Parol making, performances, history workshops and vendors and food. It was a well-attended event.

On October 26, 2019, the Museum had a **Halloween Party**. The members and guests had a good time with delicious foods prepared by the members.

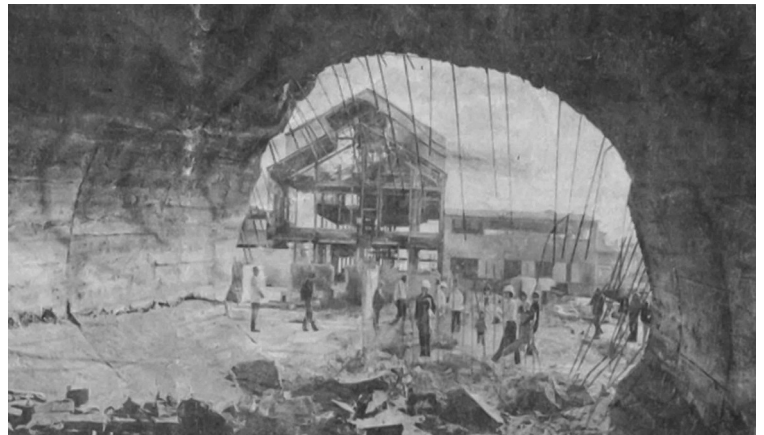
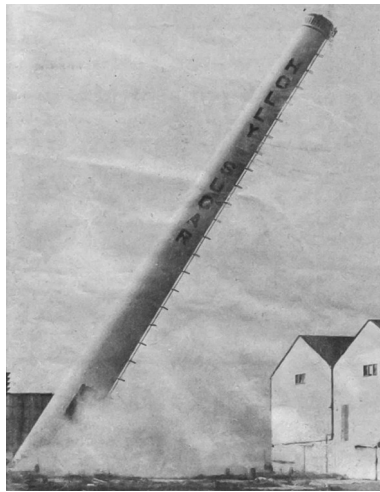


## THE SIGNATURE SMOKESTACK COMES DOWN!



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Anthony Gualco

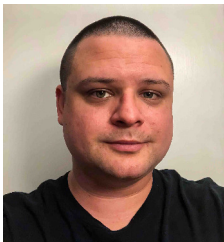
*Holly Sugar's* smokestack, which had stood in Alvarado since 1936, was dynamited and demolished on January 31, 1977 at exactly 3:00 pm. The 204-foot tall smokestack, which had been a landmark in Alvarado and a reference point for pilots coming into the *Oakland Airport* for over 40-years, came crashing to the ground in almost a single piece.



A brave *Oakland Tribune* photographer stepped inside the smokestack as it laid on its side and snapped this picture looking towards the sugar mill as it was being torn down.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

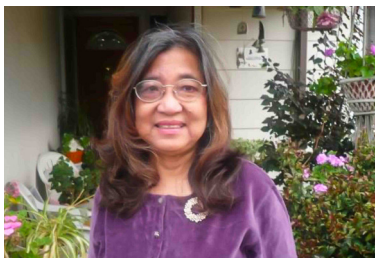


Ian Condon

Seasons Greetings from the *Union City Historical Museum*! I want to take the time to thank everyone who came out to the Halloween Party on the 25th, and a very special thank you to all those who helped decorate and cook for the gathering; we couldn't have done it without you! We'll be having another holiday gathering at the Museum on Friday, December 20th, so we hope to see you there! In history news, work can finally begin on the Native American exhibit here at the Museum, so anyone who has any artifacts or information pertaining to Native American groups from the Union City / Tri-City area is encouraged to stop by and share in our historical pursuits of a nearly lost history.

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## FOUNDER'S NOTES



Myrla Raymundo, MBA,  
Founder/CEO

As most of you know, 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.

The artifacts in the Museum were gladly donated by our loving community. They would like to preserve the history of their city. The artifacts were beautifully set and displayed in glass shelves for the visitors to see and learned about the history of Union City.

As most of you had seen in your visit to the Museum, the displays were divided into four historical periods: Native American Era, 19th Century European Settlers, Early 20th Century and Modern History. Sadly, all the artifacts in our early days, the Native American Era, were all stolen. Now, we cannot show to all what happened in that era.

This is a plea to whoever stole the Native American Era artifacts to please return them to the Museum. Or maybe, if we still have Native Americans in the area, please donate some things about that era to make our period of history complete.

Even with the loss of other things in the Museum, the Museum is still open and will continue to serve the community.



# THE UNION CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM



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## **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**

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