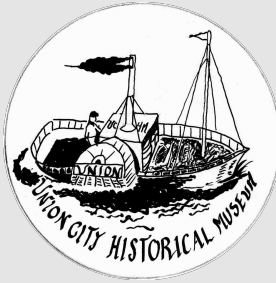


UNION CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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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

Because of the resignation of Ian Condon, *President of the Board*, a special election was held last January 6, 2020. **Dom Filardo was elected to the position of President of the Board** for the remaining period: January through June 30, 2020.

Aaron Golondrina announced that the **Birdhaus Beer Garden will open soon in the Alvarado District**. It is located next to the *Union City Historical Museum*. It will serve delicious American food like hamburgers, sandwiches, fried chicken, and of course, beer.

Lita Abad, member of the *Union City Historical Museum*, passed away last February 7, 2020. We will surely miss her. May she rest in peace.

Darlene Pagtakhan, member of the *Union City Historical Museum*, passed away last February 10, 2020. May she rest in peace.



Former *Human Relations Commissioner Fouad Modjarrad* visited the Museum with his family. Nice to see a long-time friend.

HOW UNION CITY GOT ITS NAME



**Contributed By
Anthony Gualco**

Mrs. Gladys Williamson of Centerville was a reporter for Washington Township representing the *Oakland Tribune*. A trained journalist from the University of Tennessee, Mrs. Williamson prowled Washington Township in the 40s thru the 60s for the *Tribune* looking for stories of interest and especially of history. Gladys was even involved in the naming of our city, Union City.

You see, Gladys was our historian in those days, when township burghs destined to be fair cities. There was even a story on how she named the new City of Union City in January 1959. So how did Union City get its name? From Mrs. Gladys Williamson. Years ago when Alvarado and Decoto deemed to be incorporated, there was a controversy over what to call the city.

"What shall we call it?" asked one citizen.

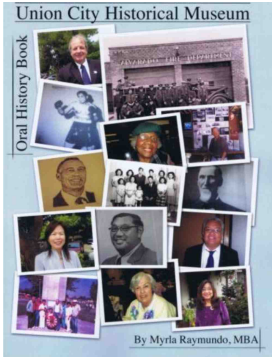
Well, Gladys Williamson was present to cover the incorporation meeting for the paper. Gladys had an inspiration. She poked Andy Logan, who was seated next to her and suggested: "Andy, suggest they use the name *Union City* because of its historical connection."

Andy did.

They did.

And that is how Union City got its name.

UNION CITY MUSEUM WANTS YOUR MEMORIES



"Union City Oral History Book"
by Myrla Raymundo, 214 pages

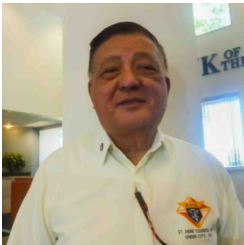
The "Union City Oral History Book", written by Myrla Raymundo, Founder/CEO of the *Union City Historical Museum*, is a collection of about 200 interviews that she conducted with Union City leaders, city staff members, and civic-minded people both past and present. For the early founders of what is now Union City, she of course had to rely on documents in the *Union City Historical Museum* and/or reference materials given to her by living relatives of these pioneers.

She is again seeking personal stories from residents for her third book. Residents are asked to submit tales of growing up in Union City, attending school, going to the stores, their memories of the old towns Alvarado and Decoto.

Residents can send their stories to the *Union City Historical Museum*, 3841 Smith Street, Union City. Or they can send their names and telephone numbers to Myrla Raymundo at the *Museum* for interview, so she could write the story.

Your stories are very important for the continuance of Union City history.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dom Filardo

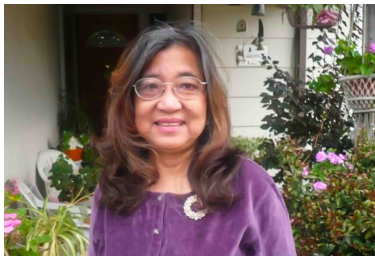
I am extremely pleased and proud for the nomination and vote of confidence of the board members for nominating and electing me for the position of *President of the UCHM* for the remaining months of the year 2020. The quarterly meeting we had last January 2020 was truly a very successful event. Although it is sad to mention the resignation of the former President for personal reasons, we would like to thank him for his effort and contribution to the Museum and wish him good luck in his new endeavors.

Amazing things surprised me during this last meeting with the enthusiasm of the members.

Ash, our new board member, volunteered to chair the fundraising committee. He had expressed some ways to help augment the funds of the Museum, cognizant of the fact that we operate through contributions of members and help from others only. Meera, another board member, believes in the mission and activity of the Museum. She volunteered to be a member of the recruitment committee and believes she can recruit quality members that can help in our services to the community. Our other board members will continue in the usual preservation of our artifacts, providing awareness of the Museum within the community and the public in general, collaboration with the city and performing our regular operational maintenance of the Museum.

We are hopeful that with the enthusiasm and active participation of all the officers and members the UCHM, we will maintain its usual excellent services to the community.

FOUNDER'S NOTES



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

The *Union City Historical Museum* continues to provide services to the community. The Museum educates the community on the history of Union City by doing presentations on Union City History and by giving Museum tours to the visitors. The Museum continues the interviewing of Union City old timers and Union City officials for the Oral History component of the Museum, and continues working on the preservation of historic homes and buildings.

We will continue with the publication of the Museum Newsletter and will keep the Museum website up to date with information about the community. We thank the City of Union City for providing us with a place to hold the rare items from decades ago, such as the *Sugar Mill* artifacts, the *Pacific States Steel* albums holding the photographs of the mill, antique kitchen items from the residents, reminders of the old *Drive-In Theater*, and especially, the newspaper articles about Union City from the years 1800 to the present.

The Museum is an excellent vehicle to make us aware of our beautiful heritage and culture. This is the only way to preserve our history. The *Union City Historical Museum* pledges to continue to provide services to 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