Polynesian Paradise at Rubel Castle

The photographs say it all, but we have so much to be thankful for, and so many to thank. See the report on page four of this newsletter, and please support the enterprises that support us.

Entertainment from Dance Street West

President Jim Riley

Jerry Heinrich with Scout leaders David Fredendall & Alex McKenzie

Cadettes of Girl Scout Troop 8604 stand at the ready.
THE GLENDORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Preserving our heritage since 1947

Glendora Museum
314 North Glendora Avenue
Glendora, California
Open Saturdays, 11:00am until 2:00pm.
For special tours of the Museum call (626) 963-0419
Rubel Castle tours by appointment only.
For details and reservations, visit our website www.glendorahistoricalsociety.org.

New & Renewed Members
We are happy to welcome our newest members

Life membership
Tom Hill
Robert Voors

Yearly membership (New)
Karen Dumford Old Pharmhand (Family)
Norma Jean Lathrop
Western Heating (Family)

Volunteer Report

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers for your dedicated service all year long.

For the 2015-16 Society year, we have recorded 50 volunteers who clocked 8090 hours. Thanks to all of you who planned, organized, led tours, gave talks and worked from home to write for the newsletter, paid our bills and cared for our collections. Thank you for your dedication to preserving and sharing the history of Glendora.

If all of our current volunteers could bring in one more person to help with our projects, imagine what we could do!

Please keep recording your monthly service hours using the online form at this website: http://tinyurl.com/ghsvolunteerform.

—Sandy Krause
Pharmhand & Keeper of the Volunteer Hours


Net income for 11 months ending May 31, 2016:
Castle .............................................. 47,047
Museum ........................................... (1,526)
Society ............................................. (10,459)
Total ............................................. 35,062
Cash in Bank ......5/31...... $166,172
Investments ......5/31...... $275,985

Submitted by Ruanne Skeels, Treasurer

If there are any suggestions, corrections or additions to the Newsletter, please contact Scott Rubel via email at: scott@scottrubel.com.
If you would like to be on an email list to get announcements between Newsletters, request this from Craig Woods at woods456@roadrunner.com.
Greetings from the Museum

We are looking forward to a busy 2016-2017 year at the Museum. We’ve drafted up some goals to work on this year. They include:

• Updating all the history displays – includes background murals, new (old) photos, new text signage.
• Painting the entry way and updating all the membership and contributor plaques.
• Enhancing the school programs to include more hands-on activities. In addition, outreach to private schools and home schoolers to offer tours.
• Visit other Museums to get ideas on what works for them — first tour will be Bowers on July 18th if you are interested in joining.
• We are also planning to do some major house cleaning and some maintenance.

We would love your help and company — we have a working group meet every Tuesday from 10-12:00.

See you then!!!. — Karen Garcia

President’s Corner

Well, Here We Go for another year. Last year we accomplished many things meeting many of the goals and objectives the organization approved a few years ago. We have been more active around the community assisting other organizations meet their goals and making Glendora a better place.

There have been many changes at the museum. The crew that works tirelessly to freshen up the location has done an excellent job. We had an exhibit from the YWCA for a couple of months presenting their history. We have a new video that shows many of the tapes of our history to visitors. We are updating the computer system to make it easier for the volunteers to update all the items that we share with the community. The most important part of the museum is the docents that serve every Saturday to share our history to anyone who stops in. Great job all those who spend the many hours there, every month of the year.

At the Castle, there has been a lot of work to bring the place up to code. The long running electrical project is done for the current time. While there is still a lot to do, we have come a long way. The Kings Quarters is being upgraded and being turned into a livable space. The numbers of people who continue to visit the Castle are amazed when they hear about Michael’s life and the story behind the many treasures we have. We have to thank the staff that works hard there every week to inventory everything there. We recently received a donation and are using these funds to restore one of our vehicles.

Mike Conway Passes On

Former Mayor Mike Conway died Wednesday, June 1, 2016 after an extended illness.

Services were held June 16 at Loraine Ave. Baptist Church.

Mike served and was involved in many community organizations, including President of the Glendora Historical Society.

Mike is survived by his wife Marcia, his daughter Krista Einfalt, married to Rod Einfalt, Mike’s son Douglas, married to Robyn Swart, grandchildren Kaylynn and Kurt Einfalt and Matthew and Brendan Swart, and sister Colleen Smoot and husband Phil.

Donations can be made in Mike’s name to organizations that were important to him: The Glendora Welfare Association and The Glendora Library Book Fund.


We have missed the 1915 American LaFrance fire truck that we have been able to use in the Annual Christmas Parade. The problem has been an overheating engine. A few years back we supported replacing the engine. Now it needs radiator repairs. The city yard takes very good care of this vehicle, but with declining budgets had to delay the necessary repairs. We as an organization have made the decision to financially contribute to the repair and at this time, repairs are underway.

We are reaching more of our citizens and working hard to assist other organizations in preserving our rich history. If you have a little extra time, let us know where you would like to help.

Here is to an even more exciting 2016-2017.

— Jim Riley, President
Rubel Castle was transformed into a “Polynesian Paradise” on June 25, 2016, for the Glendora Historical Society’s Annual Installation Banquet. The evening was opened by Boy Scout Troop 489 of Glendora who led the attendees in the flag ceremony.

Entertainment featuring a music and dance program was provided by the talented group from Dance Street West with DJ Robert Crompton. Guests were treated to a Hawaiian-inspired menu with the food and pop supplied by caterers Kahu Hawaiian BBQ of San Dimas.

City officials in attendance included: Glendora Mayor Gene Murabito, Judy Nelson, and Karen Davis.

The officers installed by Gene Murabito during the banquet are listed on the masthead on page 2.

Adult beverages were donated by Alosta Brewing and the Fairplex Wine Cellar. Buffet was tended by Girl Scout Troop 8604.

Opportunity prizes were graciously donated by GHS members Jerry & Sherry Heinrich, Terry Damron, Gina Crome, Lori Eckdahl, Rona Lunde, Jim Riley, Sandy Krause, as well as Hilltop Realty, Certified Auto, Glendora Tire and Brake.

A special shout out to our volunteers who helped put it all together: Lori Eckdahl, Rona Lunde, Randee Schroeder, Gina Crome along with support from the GHS Board of Directors. Additionally, Joe Cina from the Glendora Chamber of Commerce graciously took pictures for us throughout the night.

You can see more pictures and a few videos from the event at this link: [http://bit.ly/ghs_luau_2016](http://bit.ly/ghs_luau_2016)

Thank you to all who attended and we hope you are able to join us for our next event – our Fall fundraiser for the restoration of Castle vehicles – Rancho San Jose Days at Rubel Castle, September 10, 2016.
Rancho San Jose Days
at Rubel Castle

Save the Date!

What: Glendora Historical Society
Vehicle Restoration Fundraiser and Dinner

Where: Rubel Castle—844 N. Live Oak Ave., Glendora

When: Saturday, September 10th, 2016
5:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Help Us Preserve Glendora’s Legacy
See the Vehicles We Wish to Restore to Working Condition
Food, Music, and Adult Beverages included

$45 /person

All Proceeds Go to Vehicle Restoration Project