

THE GLENDORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Preserving Our Heritage Since 1947

November-December 2016 Newsletter

GLENDORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVE

Membership Christmas Tea Becoming a Warm Tradition



Scenes from past years' Christmas Member Tea

When Sunday, December 4th
Where Rubel Castle, 844 North Live Oak Avenue
Time 2:00-5:00pm
Cost FREE to member and their guests. Refreshments will be served.

The Membership Christmas Tea is our annual holiday event at Rubel Castle where members get a chance to mix and mingle, meet other volunteers, and enjoy an array of desserts.

Entry is free, with all members being invited and encouraged to bring guests. We hope to see all of our friends at this warm and wonderful event!

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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.

General Meetings

The GHS program/general meetings will take place: September 26, January 23, March 27, and May 22. All are Monday nights 6:30-9pm in the Glendora Public Library Bidwell Forum, 140 South Glendora Avenue. Our programs are organized in partnership with the Glendora Public Library and are free and open to the public. Times and location subject to change and will be announced.

Board Meetings

The next two regularly scheduled Board Meetings will take place Monday, November 21, at 6pm in the Rubel Castle Bennett Room. All members are welcome to attend.

Agendas, meeting minutes, and financial reports of previous meetings of the GHS Board are filed at the Museum, and can also be made available upon request in electronic format.

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and Executive Board of Directors

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SAVE THE DATE

FOR

MEMBERS'

CHRISTMAS TEA

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 4TH

2-5PM

GHS Website Progress

THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE is being updated with newer look, feel and functionality to help us stay current with today's technology. The initial update is replicating the site with new technology that will allow us to present more information and activities, including providing the ability to pay dues or for events on the internet. Future scheduled updates will focus on more information about events and a process for scheduling the Castle for special events. Here is the connection to the site for those who haven't had a chance to visit the site or forgotten the URL - **www.GlendoraHistoricalSociety.org**.

If you have recommendations or need information, please email them to **info@glendorahistoricalsociety.org**.

Thank you.

— James Duval

Financial Report - Sept. 2016

Net income for 3 months ending September 31, 2016:

Castle 15,799

Museum (376)

Society (2,746)

Total 12,676

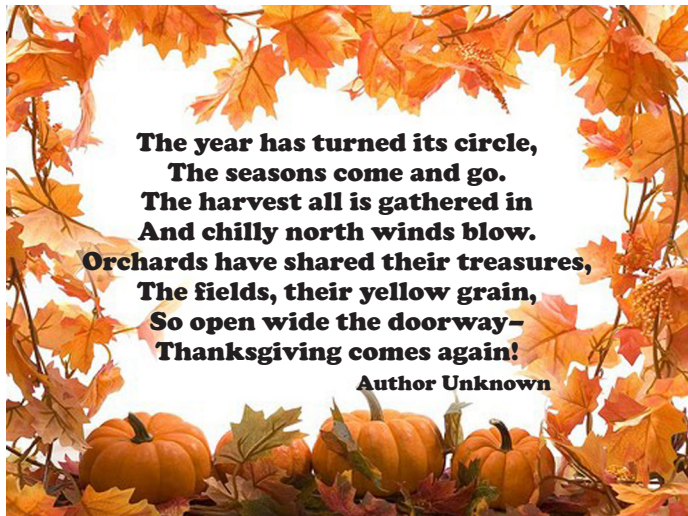
Cash in Bank 9/30 \$196,943

Investments 9/30 \$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**.



**The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest all is gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain,
So open wide the doorway—
Thanksgiving comes again!**

Author Unknown

Development Report

HELLO AND HAPPY AUTUMN Dear Glendora Historical Society Members far and near!

As we all know the seasons do come and go. And, it seems the older I get, the quicker they come and go! I hope you all have had a wonderful autumn so far.

Now, with Halloween behind us, almost all of us are turning our attention to the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Yes, I realize that Christmas decorations have been on the shelves for seemingly weeks now. Nevertheless, I think observing a season of thanks before this season, too, flies by is in order.

We here at GHS are giving special thanks for the success of our First Annual Fall Fundraising Event, "Rancho San Jose Days" at Rubel Castle. For all those who contributed and/or were able to attend, we hope it was a fun event for you and we thank you for your participation. Thanks to your generosity, we raised more than \$7,200 for the restoration of our antique vehicles! Because of you these vehicles will get a second life and we will be able to use these in community events such as the Glendora Christmas Parade. So, thank you, thank you, and thank you!!!

As we head into this festive and busy time of year, and the year's end, please remember us in your end-of-year giving. Your giving does so much to preserve and promote Glendora History both now and for generations to come. You **are** making a difference.

You can donate online at:
<https://glendorahistoricalsociety.wildapricot.org>

Or mail your donation to: Glendora Historical Society,
PO Box 532, Glendora Ave., Glendora, CA 91740

We look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Stroll, Membership Christmas Tea, and the Christmas Parade! Best wishes for a safe and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday season!

Cheers!

— **Marlene Flowers-Lamerson,**
V.P. Development

SAVE THE DATE

The Glendora Hometown Christmas Parade

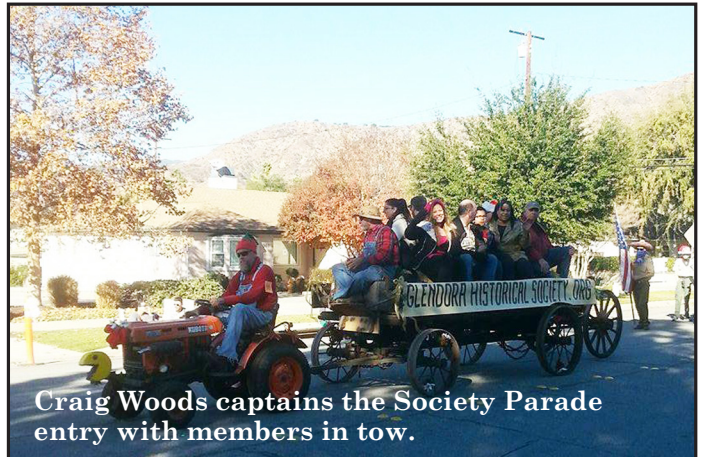
is December 10th,
with step off at 9am sharp.

Join your friends at the Museum!

We will be open for coffee, donuts, and refreshments. Doors open at 8 a.m., and we will have prime seating reserved for our members.

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS in Holiday Cheer at the Museum! Once again, we will be open to our Members for free coffee, donuts, and refreshments. We will also finish decorating our entry into the Parade.

Hope to see you there!



Craig Woods captains the Society Parade entry with members in tow.



Bob Deering, Nick Nomic, Marlene Flowers-Lamerson, Gina Crome

Cubs Win!

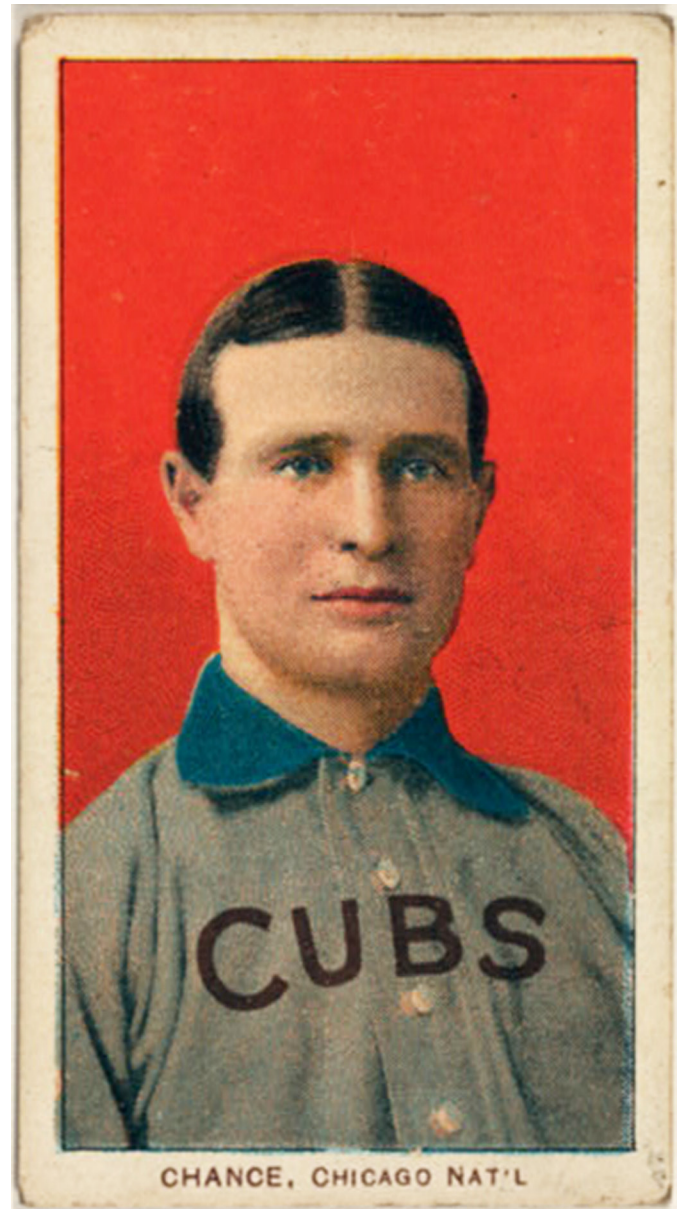
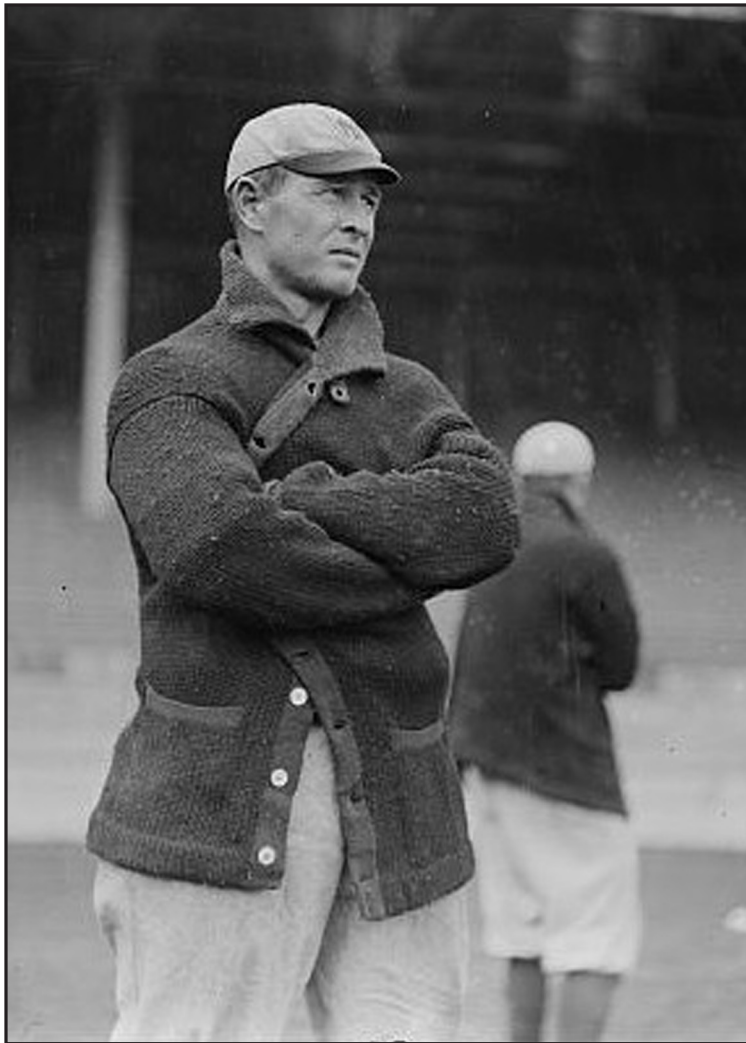
BY NOW YOU MAY HAVE HEARD on Wednesday, November 2nd, the Chicago Cubs won the World Series for the first time in 108 years.

What you may not have heard is the name of Frank Chance (1877-1924). Chance was a Glendoran, and was the last person to lead the Cubs to a World Series victory.

Chance was a professional baseball player, debuting with the Chicago Cubs in 1898. He became their regular first baseman in 1903. In 1905, Chance succeeded Frank Selee as the team manager, and led the Cubs to two World Series wins, in 1907 and 1908.

Chance later served as team manager for the Yankees, and the Boston Red Sox through 1914.

In the year of his last World Series win, 1908, Chance purchased a tract of land on the eastern edge of Glendora, and he developed it into a fine citrus grove. During the off-season, he'd return to Glendora, and volunteer in the community as a youth mentor and umpire. He sold this property in 1916, staying in Glendora and moving across town to Grand Avenue (approximately at the site of Foothill Christian School today) where he built a new residence.

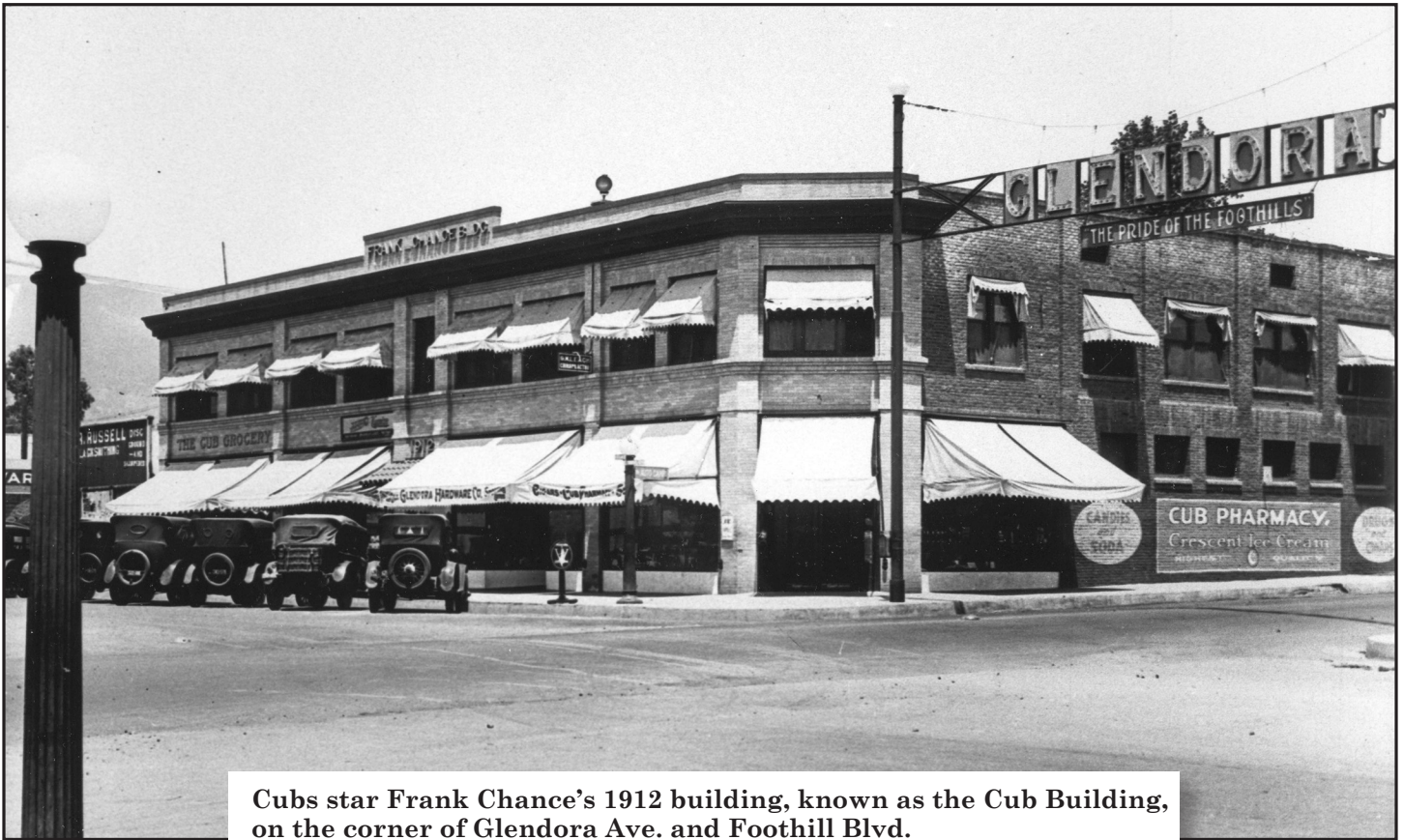


In 1912, Frank Chance developed the Chance Building (also known as the "Cub Building") at the intersection of Michigan (now Glendora) Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. The two-story brick building had space for four stores on the ground floor, and apartment suites on the second level. With gas and electricity, the apartments were considered "luxury living."

Stores in the building carried the name of his famous team, notably the "Cub Grocery Store," "Cub Delicatessen," and "Cub Pharmacy."

The building was considered a public safety hazard following a devastating fire on December 17, 1990, and was threatened with demolition. It was saved when a new buyer refurbished the two-story building. It stands today, an icon of the Glendora Village, and a monument to baseball legend Frank Chance.

— Steven Bluit Flowers



Cubs star Frank Chance's 1912 building, known as the Cub Building, on the corner of Glendora Ave. and Foothill Blvd.

The building burned in 1990, but was saved and is still recognizable today.



Willis Osborne

1927 - 2016

IT IS WITH SADNESS

We report the passing of **Willis Osborne** who died on October 16. Willis was a school teacher for 44 years, mostly at Goddard Junior High/Middle School and Glendora High School. He was the yearbook advisor at both schools. Willis enjoyed hiking, especially in the local mountains, also writing and lecturing. He was a member of GHS and the Los Angeles Corral of Westerners. He was a proud graduate of USC and closely followed all the football games. He was a devoted husband and father of three sons, a good neighbor and great friend. He will be missed.



The holidays are upon us. Again. The days go by faster every year. When compiling your gift lists (and checking them twice) please remember the Gift Shops at the Museum and Rubel Castle. There are books, cups, caps, and lovely tree ornaments to be found among many other items.

The Museum will be open during the Holiday Stroll 6pm to 9pm on November 18.

Bruce Wingfield VanDyke

1922 - 2016

LIFE MEMBER Bruce

Van Dyke grew up in Fallbrook, California and attended UCLA before joining the Army Air Corps to take part in World War II. He was a bomber pilot who trained cadet pilots and bombardiers, and stayed on after the war in the Air Force reserves, retiring as a major. During the war, he married his college sweetheart, Miki Harkness, and when the war ended he resumed his studies at UCLA.



After graduating with a degree in subtropical horticulture in 1948, he moved with his young family to Carpinteria to take a job as instructor at Santa Barbara Junior College, and in 1950 moved into a house he built near Sheffield Reservoir. He left the Junior College after a few years and started his own horticultural services grafting, pruning, and spraying, and consulting homeowners and ranchers on plants. He was a horticulturist on staff at Lotusland for over twenty years, and worked on many other fabulous estate gardens in the community. There are trees in backyards all over Santa Barbara that he grafted, gardeners throughout the county who learned how to prune their fruit trees from him, and countless friends who remember him for his good humor, kindness, and love of plants.

Miki Van Dyke died in 1996 and in 2003, Bruce married **Dorchen Forman** (Michael and **Christopher Rubels'** sister), and lived the remainder of his life with Dorchen in her beautiful Goleta home surrounded by fruit trees and flowers. Dorchen rekindled Bruce's interest in aviation and the two of them crossed the country many times in her Cessna 172.

A memorial will be planned for a later date.

Full obituary can be read at the Santa Barbara Independent.

http://bit.ly/bruce_vandyke_obituary_2016

"Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 12 minutes. Half-times take 12 minutes. This is not a coincidence."

—Erma Bombeck

Night at the Museum



GIANTS OF THE SOCIETY: John Lundstrom (President, 1999-2001, 2002-06, 2007-2010), Margaret House (President 1997-98, and Curator 1999-2009), Jesse Tomory (President, 2006-2007), Nelson Price (President, 1992-94), Linda Price (Curator 1990-99), John Gordon (President, 1989-90, 1996-97, 1998-99, 2001-02), Ida Fracasse (President, 1987-89, 1991-92)

THE MUSEUM WAS PLEASED to host a Patron's Night the evening of November 11th. The event was for Patron donors to the museum, and included Past Curators, Past Presidents, the Board of Directors, and members of the current City Council. A selection of wine and cheese was served as guests previewed the newest exhibits, "The Glendora Story" tour portion, and got to see the newly installed wall murals framed within the firehouse doors.

City representatives included members of the City Council, **Karen K. Davis**, **Judy Nelson**, and **Gary Boyer**; **Debbie Lopez** from the city's Community Services also stopped over. **Joe Castillo**, Grand Trustee of the prestigious Native Sons of the Golden West, the organization which awarded the grant monies, also attended, and was joined by **James F. Hundshamer**, whose generosity in matching the grant made the project possible.

In all, 40 donors and guests joined us for the evening, and stayed late into the night in friendship and historical fellowship.

Special thanks were given to the exhibits volunteers under the direction of **Karen Garcia**: **Jesse** and **DeDe Tomory**, **Karen Cullen**, **Steven Bluitt Flowers**, **Susie Kramer**, and **Linda Lybrand**, and thanks to **Herman Garcia** who worked very hard to install our new mural panels in time for the event.

The new exhibits are open to the public on Saturday, and can also be visited the night of the Holiday Stroll, 11/18.

— **Steven Bluitt Flowers**



Pumpkin Festival

Much thanks to **Steve Edwards**, **Karen Garcia**, **Steven Bluitt Flowers**, **John** and **Linda Lybrand**, and the **Castle Blacksmith Crew** for representing the Society at the 24th Annual Pumpkin Festival. About 1,500 people attended, making it another successful year for our friends at the **Glendora Preservation Foundation**. Next year's festival is hoped to be their biggest yet, as they plan on their 25th Anniversary of this great community tradition.

Castle Curator Report

ONCE AGAIN WE ARE ASKING for donations of Christmas decorations for the Castle and this year we will need a few people to help with decorating as the Honor Society kids can't come because the teacher who chaperones them will be out of town. I have approached a Girl Scout Troop but I haven't had a response so I really will need help getting the decorations out. We will be decorating on Friday, November 25, the day after Thanksgiving at 10am. Please let me know at newshound60@gmail.com if you plan to join us and thank you for your help.

We are moving forward with the cataloging as usual. Three rooms have been completed and **Sandy** and **Bev** are working on the guest bedroom. So far around 5,000 items have been catalogued and we have so much more to do. **Marcia Goetz** is cataloging for us too but she is cataloging all the new items as they come in.

Furniture at the north end of the Tin Palace has been rearranged giving us easier access and more open floor space in that area. We are planning to get a lot of the framed pictures mounted on the walls as soon as **Joe Goetz** comes back to volunteer.

If you have a burning desire to help us rejuvenate furniture by oiling the wood and polishing the leather we would love to have you join us on Fridays at 9 a.m. Things get so very dry from the heat in the Tin Palace that we actually need one person working on the furniture all the time.

If light dusting is your thing we have the four bedrooms that need a good dusting and there is always glass to clean and silver to polish. We'd love to have someone taking care of that.

The Briteworks cleaning crew cleaned the Bar in the King's Quarters recently which hadn't been done for four years. It took three of us three hours to get it clean. At one point I was outside polishing chairs wondering why it was taking Enriquez so long to vacuum the carpet for the third time so I stuck my head in the door to see what he was doing. Bless his cotton socks, he was vacuuming all the rocks to get the dust off them. He and Brenda are the most thorough cleaners I have ever seen. It is a lot more pleasant in there now.

We are in the process of taking up two matching carpets that will be sent out for professional cleaning and the repair of one of them which will, hopefully, be back before the Membership Tea. There are treasures being newly displayed in the Tin Palace and we look forward to showing them to you the next time you come to visit.

— Patricia Sullivan, Castle Curator

WISH LIST

ITEMS CONNECTED WITH MICHAEL
OR ANY OF HIS MENTORS

Bathroom air fresheners

Old shrimp cocktail glasses

Large area carpets

VOLUNTEERS

Halloween Treats!

RUBEL CASTLE got plenty of trick-or-treaters, with **Bonnie and Trinity Owen, Jerry Heinrich, Sandy Krause, Nick Nomic, and Scott Rubel**, all handing out apples (donated by **Plaza Produce**) to the rascals.



Trinity & Bonnie Owen with Monty at Rubelia for Hallowe'en.



Trinity Owen hands out apples at Rubel Castle trick-or-treat night.

Hallowe'en Museum Visitations

HALLOWE'EN IS A SPECIAL DAY for many children and adults, and it is special to the City of Glendora as well. It was October 31, 1911 when the people of the town of Glendora voted for Home Rule and incorporation, becoming a city, and electing a Mayor and Council.

So, how did the Society celebrate the City of Glendora's 105th Birthday? With a small gathering at the Museum, of course. Ghouls and princesses, Ghostbusters and Ninja Turtles descended upon our old City Hall during the Village Halloween Walk, October 31st.

Volunteers **Steve Edwards, Karen Cullen, Susie Kramer, and Steven Bluit Flowers** took turns passing out candy to nearly 1,000 costumed children (and even a few costumed parents!), and led walkthroughs of the Museum. Children danced in their finery to songs like "Monster Mash" and "Witch's Brew," while more-than-a-few parents joined in the spirit when "Thriller" and "Time Warp" played.

In honor of the season, the Museum exterior was transformed into a "traditional" harvest scene, with bales of hay, oak barrels, churns, lanterns, and crates of freshly harvested citrus. Parents posed their children for photos throughout the Whitcomb Courtyard, in front of the firehouse doors, and on the Bill Cullen Memorial Bench.

It was great to see so much energy and excitement surround the Museum.

There was a bit of mischief Hallowe'en night, however, and volunteers arrived the next day to find our 6 bales of hay neatly stacked one atop another. Was it ghosts? To paraphrase Dr. Peter Venkman, "No human being would stack hay like this." Upon closer inspection, a series of footprints were found in the dirt, consistent with the size and style shoe markings of many a high-school boy.

The staff was quite impressed and pleased, and glad the Museum provided a fun and safe place for local youth to engage in a little harmless fun.

— Steven Bluit Flowers



Docenting: A Reflection and an Invitation

DECEMBER 2016 marks 20 years since I first set foot in the Historical Society Museum, soon thereafter finding myself “joined” (Diane Healy sponsored my membership) as a member of the Society. She quickly set about the task of training me to docent. And docent I did...a lot!

In those days, the Society was only the Museum, which was open on Sunday afternoons, with three volunteers staffing and giving tours.

There’s been quite a bit of change since 1996: The Society now administrates a Museum and Castle site. The Museum is open Saturdays. We have many programs and activities. Despite it all, the need for docents continues, and is perhaps even more important than ever.

Docenting comes in different forms, and ranges from scheduled weekends (one Saturday a month, 11am thru 2pm), school tours for third graders, special tours and events, and more. Not to be missed, Rubel Castle always welcomes docents for the many operations up there as well.

Being a docent is a great way to know other great volunteers as you work and share stories. It also connects the Society with the community, allowing the public to engage with Glendora’s history, and maybe even their own histories.

For example, on October 9, the Museum welcomed nearly 20 members of the historic United Methodist Church for a special tour. One of the guests, 95-year old **Robert Nichols**, asked if we had any information of “the boys” who died in World War II. Our docent located the framed June 22, 1945 edition of the Glendora Press-Gleaner honoring the fallen. Nichols’s family gathered around as he inspected the front page. Pointing to the picture of **Lt. Tom Armstrong**, his eyes welled with tears, and he said “There he is! That was my best friend when I was a boy.” Soon, the group were smiling amid their tears as they recalled stories of Tom, like the time he was angry with Dick McDonald (of “McDonald’s Brothers” fame), then co-owner of the Beacon Theater. “Tom spent the weekend clearing a field for Dick, and Dick promised to pay him. When Tom was done, Dick offered a movie ticket instead of money. Tom wanted to bust him up good!”

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PEOPLE OF GLENDORA!!

THESE BOYS GAVE THEIR LIVES

ot ordered, to lend our money in the 7th Bond Drive. Some boys will b

More -- More Bonds!

In the Pacific, who have pushed the Japs back, if the war is over. Remember right after Pearl Ha
out now, and the way our quota lags? This is a genuine appeal to YOU, People of Glendora, to
Buy, Buy, Buy until Glendora's quota is oversubscribed!

“ONE BIG HEAVE!”

WILL DO IT !

Everyone Should Buy More Bonds--

Glendora has always met its quota. Are we going to let the fighting
men down now? Let's finish the "Mighty Seventh" before June 30.

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That's what it means to be a docent, and that is the service we provide whenever we volunteer.

If you don't think you would make a good docent, I offer to train you myself. Besides, for a number of tours, it is helpful having secondary docents who can sit at the Gift Shop, or assist with groups, or direct visitors to the restrooms. In short, you are *always* needed.

Next year, our beloved Society turns 70 years old. That is seven decades of educating, sponsoring events, working booths, marching in parades, touring countless thousands of Glendorans, and much, much more. What can all of us offer to such a fine institution in celebration? Consider the gift of your time.

This December, I will be stepping off as a Saturday docent. It's been incredible fun! As it so happens, my final docent Saturday falls on the 24th. Yes, the museum will be staffed and open on Christmas Eve. Stop by if you are in the area. I will give you my last tour.

— Steven Bluitt Flowers

GLENDORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY JULY DOCENTS	
JULY 6TH, 1997	KAY HALL
1. MARSHALL MOWW	914-2629
2. NELSON PRICE	963-6481
3. STEVE FLOWERS	963-3445
JULY 13TH	LINDA PRICE
1. MARGARET HOUSE	335-6086
2. VI PAICH	335-3195
3. STEVE FLOWERS	963-3445
JULY 27TH	MARGARET HOUSE
1. STEVE FLOWERS	963-3445
2. BARBARA TEATER	335-5257
3. LINDA KELLY	909-593-7747
JULY 16TH TOUR	ELEANOR CARTER

President Eisenhower in Glendora

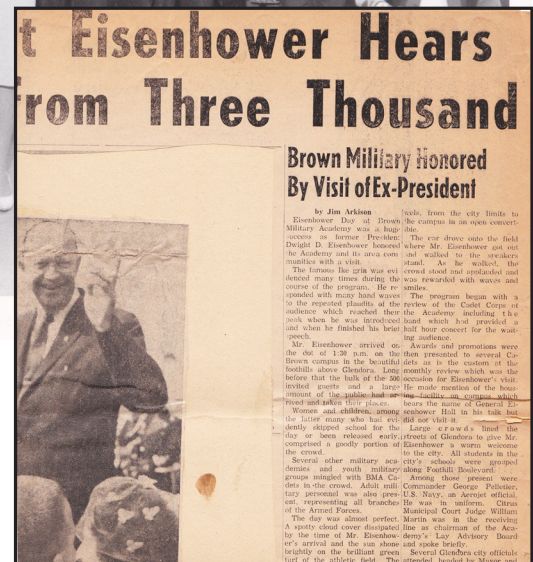
THE MUSEUM doors are open on Tuesday mornings (10am to noon), and many guests have stopped in, walked around, and said, "Gee, I walk Glendora Avenue all the time and I've never been here before!"

We are always glad to welcome first-time visitors, especially when they have questions. For instance, a few weeks ago a gentleman came in and shared a vague recollection from his childhood that President Eisenhower had once come to town.

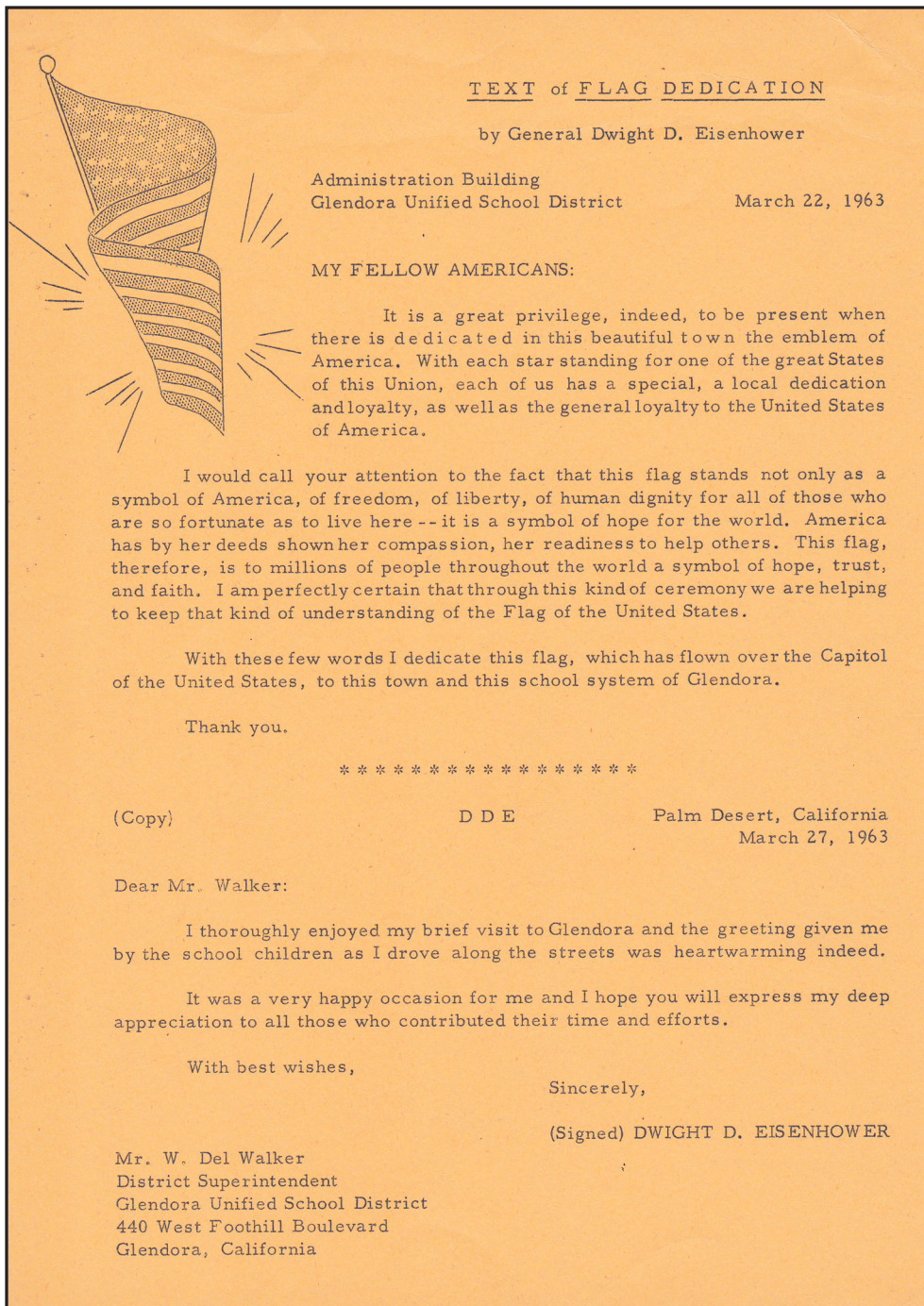
Yes, he had.

On March 22, 1963, a few years after his Presidency, General Dwight D. Eisenhower came to Glendora to attend the naming ceremony of Eisenhower Hall at Brown Military Academy. When on the way to the Academy, he stopped by the Glendora Unified School District Administration office, then located on Foothill Boulevard, to dedicate a U.S. Flag which had flown over the White House. (In 2014, the Glendora Historical Society raised money to restore the flagpole in-front of the former district office, and have designated it the Eisenhower Flagpole in honor of the historic 1963 visit).

When checking the Archive for photographs of the visit, the volunteers



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also came across text of the remarks the President made as he presented the U.S. Flag.

In honor of our great nation and the 2016 Presidential Election, we include the text and photos of President Eisenhower's 1963 visit.
— Steven Bluitt Flowers

Editor's note: While on this visit, the president accepted an invitation to make an unplanned visit to Michael and Dorothy Rubel to see the Tin Palace. While there, he was quite enthusiastic and insisted on taking a ride on the elevator to the wine cellar. The fuse blew out while the president was half way between floors. Dorothy, using her famous charm, kept the Secret Service calm while Michael replaced the fuse and returned President Eisenhower to safety above ground.



SOCIETY FAMILY ALBUM

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

On April 15, 2017, the Society will celebrate its 70th Anniversary.

In the lead-up to this event, we want to share our best photos and memories of the many events and the great people who led and inspired us.

Do **YOU** have photos and memories you'd like to share?

Contact Steven Bluitt Flowers at 626-208-7303, or email him at Bluitt.Flowers@gmail.com.