

THE GLENDORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Preserving Our Heritage Since 1947

July-August 2016 Newsletter

GLENDORA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVE

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.

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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, August 15 and September 19 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.

Officers

and Executive Board of Directors

President: Jim Riley
Vice President of Administration... Steve Bluit-Flowers
Vice President of Museum:..... Karen Fortus-Garcia
V.P. of Development:..... Marlene Flowers-Lamerson
Vice President of Castle:..... Jerry Heinrich
Treasurer:..... Ruanne Skeels
Secretary:..... Steve Edwards

Directors

Castle Curator:..... Patricia Sullivan
Membership Chair: Craig Woods
Director:..... Karen Cullen
Director:..... Terry Demron
Director:..... Jim Duval
Director:..... Janet Sorensen
Director:..... Leonard Pihlak
Director (Gift Shop Coordinator):..... DeDe Tomory

Support Volunteers

Newsletter Editor:..... Scott Rubel
Program Chair: Sandy Krause
Castle Docent Chair:..... Rona Lunde
Castle Garden Coordinator: Amy Wolkins
Sunshine Chair: Carol Tracey
Hospitality Chair: Olivia Andonian

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, payed 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

Financial Report - May 2016

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

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.

Full obituary in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune.

<http://bit.ly/29W0f9c>



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 upgrading 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.

All the third grade students who visited the Museum and the Pharm really came prepared. They actually spent more time with us this year than in the past. The teachers spent time going over our rich history so the young people got the most out of their visits.

The administrative portion of the organizations has been working hard in many areas. We have an IT committee that has been looking at our computer needs as well as improving our web site. We still need someone interested in serving as a publicity person. It is sad that so many people who live in our community do not know how we have saved our history for them to understand. This applies to both the Museum and the Castle.

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

Installation Dinner a Polynesian Paradise

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 in 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

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.



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Thank you so much

TO THESE CONTRIBUTORS



PHOTOGRAPH BY LEONARD PHILAK

Rock's Tree and Hillside Service for climbing our windmill and oiling it.



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

