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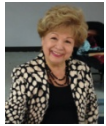
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NEWSLETTER

2015



Message from the President

As your president the past two years, along with the board of directors, I'm happy to announce that we have completed our goals and plans. It's been a super busy two years. A lot has been accomplished, and I'm pleased to say, our challenges have been met. I want to thank the Montebello Historical Society board of directors and its members for their support this past year. A big thank you as well to the Montebello Rotary Club, the Montebello Unified School District Applied Technology School students and staff, and all our community volunteers. We are proud of the establishment of our 20th Century History Collection Room, along with the restoration of the entire museum.

The deadline for slate of officer candidates is December 10, 2015, no later than 5 pm. For additional information or questions, please contact Election Committee Chair Ed Vasquez at 323-646-6606.

In celebration of the holidays, on **December 10 at 7 pm**, we will have a **general membership meeting followed by a Christmas potluck** downstairs at the Montebello Senior Citizen Center, 115 S. Taylor Avenue. For our potluck, we ask those members with last names beginning with A through G to bring a dessert; H through Q, a side dish or salad; and R through Z, a main dish. Please remember to bring a toy for a needy child aged three to four.

It is now time to renew your Montebello Historical Society membership. If you have not yet done so, please do so now and invite your friends to become members of this wonderful organization.

Visit our new website to keep current with meetings and other events, including upcoming Adobe work days. We are always looking for historic photos of Montebello. If you have any, please share them with us.

We cordially invite the community to our **Holiday Open House on December 19 from 1 - 4 pm at the Adobe.** We have a fun



event planned which will include Christmas caroling and dessert. Bring your family and friends and join us for a fun-filled day of music, treats and museum tours. We are asking everyone to bring an ornament and help the children decorate the Adobe tree.

In closing, I want to send best wishes to those celebrating December milestones. I wish you and your family a blessed holiday season and a wonderful new year.

I thank you all for your support these past two years and giving me the honor of serving as your president.

All the best,
Rosie Vasquez, President



Special Notice

**Community Holiday
Open House
December 19**

**We now look forward to our
Community Holiday Open House on
December 19 showcasing our 20th
century history room. We have a fun
event planned including Christmas
caroling, music and dessert.**

**Candy for the children.
It takes place from 1 - 4 pm at the
Adobe Museum and everyone is
invited. Bring your family
and friends.**

Battle of Rio San Gabriel Commemoration January 9



The Battle of Rio San Gabriel, fought on January 8, 1847, was the largest land battle in California's history. A decisive action of the California campaign of the Mexican-American War, it occurred at the ford of the

San Gabriel River, less than a mile downstream from the Sanchez Adobe.

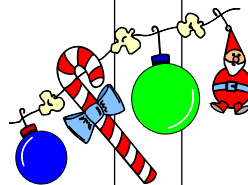
US Army General Stephen Watts Kearny and US Navy Commodore Robert F. Stockton with 600 sailors, marines and dragoons defeated the 400 mounted Californios under the command of General Jose Maria Flores. The two cannons on display at the California Historical Landmark #385 monument at Buff Road and Washington Boulevard are two of the four original cannons used by the Californios in the battle. On each side of the battle, two were killed and nine were wounded.

On Saturday, January 9, 2016 from noon to 4 pm, we will commemorate this Mexican-California era event at the Adobe with displays and a free BBQ.

Submitted by Jon Reed, Adobe Museum Curator



The Year In Review



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 12/10/15** General Meeting/7 pm/Senior Center
Downstairs/Christmas Potluck
115 S Taylor Ave, Montebello
- 12/10/15** Slate of Officer Candidates
Due by 5 pm
- 12/19/15** Community Open House
1 pm – 4 pm/Adobe Museum
946 Adobe Ave, Montebello
- 01/09/16** Battle of Rio San Gabriel BBQ
12 Noon - 4 pm/Adobe Museum

Adobe Museum Hours

Saturdays: 1 pm - 4 pm
Docent tours available.

Our New Website is Up and Running!

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