



Montebello Historical Society

Juan Matias Sanchez Adobe Museum

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SANCHEZ ADOBE HISTORIC SITE & MUSEUM

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Message from the President

Happy New Year, everyone. I want to thank you all for your support these past two years and giving me the honor of serving as your president. It's been a busy two years, and I'm happy to announce that we have completed our goals and plans, and our challenges have been met. We are so proud of the establishment of our 20th century history collection room at the Juan Matias Sanchez Museum, along with the restoration of the entire museum. I want to thank the Montebello Historical Society board of directors and its members for their support. A big thank you as well to the Montebello Rotary Club, the Montebello Unified School District Applied Technology Center students and staff, and all our community volunteers.

Election of officers for 2016 will take place at our Thursday, January 14 meeting. Please plan to attend this very important meeting as we need a quorum in order to hold elections.

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

Please visit our website to keep current with our 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.

In closing, I want to send best wishes to those celebrating January milestones and I wish you and your family a happy and health new year.

All the best,

Rosie Vasquez, President



MHS Welcomes New Members

It is now time to renew your membership. If you have not yet done so, please do so now and invite your friends and family to become members of this wonderful organization dedicated to the preservation of Montebello's history.

Please welcome our newest members - Margaret Alley, Esther Guillen and Annette Gonzales. If you have any questions regarding membership, contact Arlene Sandoval at 626-731-0430.

Remember to keep the history alive and bring a friend to our next general meeting.

Submitted by Arlene Sandoval, Membership Chair

Special Notice

Board Meeting Changed to January 14, 2016

Board of Directors meeting postponed to January 14, 2016 at 5:00pm.

Meeting will take place at the Senior Citizen Center (downstairs).

MHS Holds First Holiday Open House

by Anne Donofrio-Holter

The Montebello Historical Society, along with MUSD Applied Technology Center staff and students, hosted a holiday celebration open house December 19 at the Sanchez Adobe.

"My goal as president the past two years was to refurbish the museum inside and out. Along with the board of directors, I am delighted to say the project is complete and now many generations to come will enjoy the history of this beautiful house," said Rosie Vasquez. "The children of our community will be educated about our rich history when they visit the Adobe museum."

Owned by the City, and managed by the Montebello Historical Society, the Rotary Club of Montebello adopted the Sanchez Adobe Historic Site and Museum in 2005 as its centennial project honoring 100 years of Rotary International. Spearheaded by the Montebello Historical Society, and its belief that history needs to be recorded and preserved for future generations, the goal of the three organizations is to enhance Montebello's oldest standing structure, built in 1845, by continuing to improve the grounds, courtyard and interior of the historical landmark.

The Adobe museum features architecture of the mid-1800's with furnished rooms from the time period, Sanchez family artifacts, and historical photos of the City. Vasquez was pleased to showcase the Adobe's new 20th Century History Room, showcasing Montebello's memories from the 1900's, including a Star Wars display.

The fun event included Christmas caroling, music and dancing, snacks, and tours of the Adobe museum. The Adobe tree was decorated with ornaments donated by guests attending the event.

"I am very proud to have completed the goals we set for this year and share our success with the community at today's open house, said Vasquez. "The Adobe looks beautiful, like a sparkling diamond."



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Calendar of Upcoming Events

01/14/16 Board Meeting/5 pm/Senior Center Downstairs

General Meeting/7 pm/Senior Center Downstairs/Social 6:30 pm
Election of Officers
115 S Taylor Ave, Montebello

Adobe Museum Hours

Saturdays: 1 pm - 4 pm
Docent tours available.

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