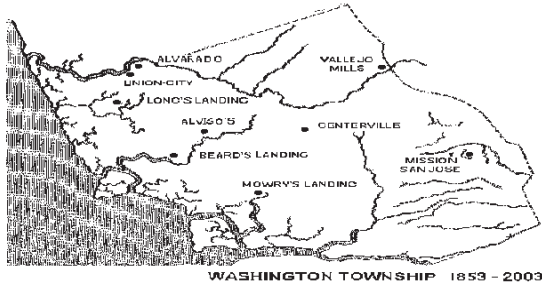


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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017, 7:15 PM at
MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY, 190 ANZA STREET, FREMONT**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Members and friends,

We are moving forward on placing up to three plaques one in Fremont and two in Union City. There are a lot of agencies that have to be contacted before something like this can be done beside all of the research to make sure everything on the plaque is accurate.

We mourn the death of Lionel Goularte he was a good friend to history and had a lot of information from his years of living at the Higuera Adobe location.

We need to get more people excited about learning about the history of the area and attending one of our meetings. We need more people who are willing to become officers of the organization. There is not that much work and it gives you a chance to get some of the items done that you consider important.

Historical tours are being done on a more or less regular basis in Niles, Alvarado, Mission San Jose and Irvington.

Washington High School has a Military memorial plaque for those who served in WW I and WW II. This plaque is located where the old Football field was but it is now the practice field and gets ignored. I met with the school, Dr. Morris the Superintendent of Schools and others to determine a more accessible location. It was placed in 1947 and we are expecting to have it moved near the memorial at Tak Fudenna Memorial Stadium by this fall, about 70 years after it was originally placed.

Our speaker this month is our own Timothy Swenson, who will be talking about "The Controversy in New Haven" school district. The movie "Nothing But a Man" was shown at several English classes at James Logan High School in 1967.

Al Minard

Timothy Swenson is our May Speaker

Our Speaker, Tim Swenson will be talking about the controversy in the New Haven School District after the movie, "Nothing But A Man" was shown to several English classes at James Logan High School. The movie was about a black railroad section gang worker who fell in love with the preacher's daughter, an educated school teacher. Reverend Elliot Paulson was president of the New Haven School Board and strongly objected to the teachers showing this movie. Roger Ebert in reviewing this film in 1993 said that this film released in 1964 has been cited as one of the first and best of a new era of films about African Americans. The film had only a spotty release and was not seen by most people. There is a bit of nudity and some rough language in the film, which would probably only rate a pg rating today but then was not rated at all. Tim has written a very nice paper on this controversy and it will be available from the Museum for \$3, or you can get it online for free.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN THE NEWS

March 14, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, William Marshak interviewed Dan Schoenholz, the Deputy Director of Community Development for the City of Fremont about linkage fees. Linkage fees are intended to fund affordable housing and they come from market rate housing fees. For the period from 2015-2023, Fremont has been asked to produce 1,714 very low income units, 926 low income units, 978 moderate income units, and 1, 837 above moderate income units. Categories are defined by a percentage of Area Median Income (AMI) which in 2016 was set at \$65,000 for an individual, and \$93,600 for a family of four. Extremely Low Income is 30% or less of the AMI, Very Low Income is defined as a maximum of 50% of the AMI. We have not met our Regional Housing needs said Schoenholz.

March 14, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, Gretta Stimson of the Hayward Area Historical Museum reports on their Scots-Irish immigration as it pertains to the McConaghy House with guest speakers, Hayward City Councilman Francisco Zermeno, Hayward City Councilman Mark Sullivan, and Immigration Lawyer Spojmie Nasiri

March 14, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, Daniel O'Donnell reports that Fremont, California is the largest city in the United States to be named after John C. Fremont (1813-1890). The Fremontia is a flowering bush that bears John Fremont's name and is the official plant of Fremont. There are several growing here in the area.

March 14, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, Niles Canyon Railway, which features Wine Trains on a frequent basis realized that there are many more beer drinkers in the area and several craft beer breweries. They held a Beer Train on March 18 and I think they will hold more of these events. The money raised help restore and preserve the trains and the railway.

March 14, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, Saranya Singh, 5th grader, Gomes Elementary School reports on students at Gomes participating in National History Day doing Poster Exhibits. Four students from Gomes were selected to compete in the State level on May 6, 2017. They were mentored by Mission San Jose High School student Lavanya Singh.

March 21, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, Larry Telles of the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum reports on a Buster Keaton Weekend Celebration at the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum starting Friday, March 24, 2017.

March 28, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, Shape Our Fremont reports that not all development projects involve housing, and some may not happen for a long time. Some of the ones to watch include: The Irvington Bart Station; the East-West Connector between I-880 and I-680; the clean-up of the Mission Clay Products site in the Niles area.

March 28, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, Music for Minors II was involved in an a fund raiser through East Bay Gives in the hopes of raising \$10,000 to keep music alive in our schools.

March 28, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, Debbie Barnes reports on a family friendly event at Ardenwood Farms celebrating Scottish Heritage. This event will have Scottish dancing, music, fund and vendors selling many things Scottish.

March 28, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, **Kelsey Camello** reports on a paper published by the Washington Township Museum of Local History regarding a controversy in New Haven. This controversy refers to a School Board President that was recalled after a lot of inflammatory meetings at the School Board and in the press. The paper is available on line or at the Museum.

April 4, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, Philip Kobylarz reports that the Notorious Green Shutter Hotel in Hayward is going to be reincarnated. Structure Properties of San Francisco plan to update the building to accommodate 41 studios and one-bedroom apartments. The Green Shutter Hotel was built in 1926 and was one of three destination hotels in the area.

April 4, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, East Bay Regional Park District reports that with all of the rain wildflowers are blooming in abundance all over the Park District. The Sunol-Ohlone Regional wilderness held a Wildflower Festival on Sunday, April 9, 2017.

April 4, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*, Bobbie MacDonald reports that the Relay for Life of Fremont was held on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Ride the Rails through beautiful Niles Canyon. This event benefits the American Cancer Society and this was the 8th annual Niles Canyon Railway team event.

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April 4, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, **Kelsey Camello** reports that Timothy Swenson will give a walking tour through old town Alvarado on Saturday, April 15, 2017. This tour will repeat so keep your eyes open for the next one.

April 11, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, the Washington Township Museum of Local History and the Bay Bandits did a walking tour of Irvington. This was a six-mile walk that started at Five-Corners in Irvington and went to Lake Elizabeth and out to the Sabercat watershed before returning to the starting location.

April 11, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, **Pat Kite** reports on little brown birds. There are many different species that reside in this area for at least part of the year along the size of a sparrow or even smaller. The males tend to be more colorful and the females tend to be plainer and a little smaller.

April 18, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, **Kelsey Camello** writes about a project to prepare the Higuera Site for this year's Family Day event on April 29. This was organized by the Ohlone College Puente Project and the Washington Township Museum of Local History.

April 18, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, the Union City Historical Museum is asking for anyone with stories of the history of Union City to contact Myrla Raymundo because she is working on a second book about the history of Union City.

April 18, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, Shape Our Fremont reports that Ohlone College has entered into negotiations with SteelWave LLC for a 99-year lease of 15 acres of excess land alongside Mission Boulevard that will be developed into 275 residential rentals and 17,910 square feet of retail/commercial/office space. April 4, 2017, *Tri-City Voice*,

April 18, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, The Newark City Council recognized a contribution from the Farmers and Farmerettes Square Dance Club of \$1,200 to each of the following groups: K-9; Meals on Wheels; and Graffiti abatement. Al and La Vonne Minard and Bruce Hevelin dance with this club.

April 18, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, **Phil Holmes** writes about the abundance of social life in the Irvington area. Charles Shinn reported that Irvington was noted as the most sociable town in Alameda County. It seemed like any excuse generated a reason to party.

April 18, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, **Kelsey Camello** reports that the Washington Township Museum of Local History will hold a program on April 23, 2017 to celebrate 220 years since the founding of Mission San Jose.

April 25, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, Arathi Satish from the Fremont Cultural Arts Council, writes about local photographers who will hold an exhibit at the Fremont Main Library. The photographs will be up for about a month and they are on the second floor of the Library.

May 2, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, Cheryl Golden tells us it is time to put on our work clothes and gloves and help restore one of the most historic parks in Fremont, the Sabercat Historical Park. Workdays take place on the first Saturday of each month from 9 AM to Noon. For more information call (510) 494-4570.

May 2, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, Loren English with his wife, Betty, are the owners and artists who ran The Glass Works in Niles. They have decided to retire after 39 years of creating beautiful works of stained glass. They are selling much of the equipment and supplies inside their store. They will open the store on May 6 & 13 to say goodbye and to sell what they have left.

May 2, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, The San Lorenzo Theatre opened their doors for visitors on May 6, 2017 to get a look inside of an old movie theatre. The theatre opened in 1947 but has been vacant since 1982. This was a rare opportunity to see the inside of an old theatre and hopefully someone will step forward to begin the restoration process.

May 5, 2017, The Argus, **Al Minard** was interviewed about the relocation of the "Pop" Goold house. Al said that it was good to preserve history by saving old buildings to show younger generations where we came from.

May 9, 2017, ***Tri-City Voice***, **Pat Kite** writes about Spittle Bugs which every spring do things that people in New York would get ticketed for. The bit of white froth comes out of their backend and is used to protect the young nymphs. The spittle bugs are so small that they do little damage to the plants. There are around 23,000 varieties of spittle bugs.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY, CALIFORNIA

National History Day for California was held May 6-7, 2017 in Rocklin, California at the William Jessup University. The Theme for History Day this year was, "Taking a Stand In History", the theme is always very broad to encourage the students to expand their subjects. Elementary students compete as either an individual or as a group of up to 5 students to make a two-dimensional poster about the history topic.

Junior and senior high school students compete as either individuals or as groups of up to five students in four categories: Museum Exhibit, Documentary, Performance or Website. They also compete as individuals in Historical Papers. Junior high students compete against junior high students and senior high students compete against senior high students. Students from all over the state enter this competition and two winners are selected from each of 18 categories of junior and senior high projects to go to the National Competition in Maryland

Alameda County sent a nearly full contingent of projects to California History Day, and quite a few came from Fremont.

The Fremont winners, runner-ups and honorable mentions are:

Winners:

Student, Julia Park, Mission San Jose High School, an Individual Website; "Louis Brandeis and the New Deal: The Stand Against Bigness."

Student, Kanchan Raju, Mission San Jose High School, an Individual Museum Exhibit: "Helen Taussig: Changing the World One Baby at a Time."

Student, Priya Talreja, Mission San Jose High School, a Historical Paper titled, "El Teatro Campesino: Taking a Stand Against Farm Worker Abuse and Chicano Resistance in the United States"

Runner-Up

Students, Ruchika Mahapatra and Marina Dalarossa, Mission San Jose High School, a Group Website on, "Billie Jean King: Standing Against Sexism in Professional Sports."

Honorable Mention

Student, Vyoma Raman, American High School, a Historical Paper on, "The Sit-In That Took a Stand: The 504 Occupation"

Our Congratulations to the winners who will be going to Maryland for the National Championship. The Runner-Ups will go if one of the winners is unable to make it to Maryland. Vyoma Raman, who won the Honorable Mention also received an award from the Conference of California Historical Societies and a \$100 check for her paper on California History. We would be remiss if we did not also congratulate all of the parents who encouraged their children to work on the students project but also gave up the dining room table or family room for displays and research papers. None of this is possible without the active and enthusiastic support of the teachers in the local schools. Many times the teachers have to stay over after class to help the students and often they spend their time to attend the competition, most of the time without compensation in their paycheck. Alameda County has been involved in National History Day for over 10 years and each year the projects get better, the research is more in depth, the presentation is more professional and without a doubt more challenging for both students, teachers, and judges. As a Past President of the Conference of California Historical Societies, of which Washington Township is a member, I have judged Documentaries at the County Level and at the State level, I and others judge Historical Papers and Museum exhibits. I am always learning something new about the history of California and I am convinced that the students who enter this competition will be the future leaders of this country, in business, education, the arts, science and even politics. They are wonderful young people.



Kanchan Raju's Museum Exhibit that advances to the National Competition in Maryland

Washington Township Historical Society mourns the death of one of our long time members and active supporters, Lionel B. Goularte. Lionel lived on the site of the Higuera Adobe when he was growing up and he told many stories about his life and his memories of the Adobe. He was 91 years old and his wife had passed a few years earlier. We will miss him.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 per year

PATRON MEMBERSHIP: \$50.00 for one year

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