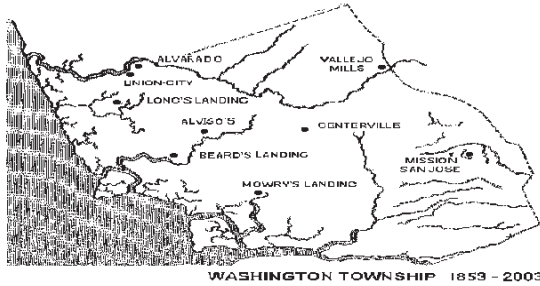


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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019, 7:15 PM at
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MUSEUM OF LOCAL HISTORY, 190 ANZA ST.**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

I am happy to report that the plaque for the Women's Country Club has been installed and dedicated with a good turnout of local officials. We have also installed the pole for the plaque at Old St. Edward's Church on Sycamore in Newark. We will install the plaque in a few days, we are letting the concrete set-up first. The dedication for Old St. Edwards is 10 AM on Saturday, October 5th, 2019. The church is now the Rose of Sharon Foursquare Church and they are working with us very well. The plaque on Bronco Billy's Pizza Parlor in Union City is on hold until the owner gets some landscaping done and trees planted, they have been given the plaque and will install the plaque themselves and we will have a dedication ceremony after the installation and it may be during the week or early in the day on a weekend.

I have been somewhat involved with the Niles Canyon Railroad and was invited and attended the 150th anniversary of the actual completion of the Transcontinental Railroad. When the Golden Spike was celebrated in Promontory, Utah, the train ran only to Sacramento then everything was offloaded to ships and transported to San Francisco, by boat. During the ceremony on September 6, 2019, we travelled on a steam driven locomotive and were met in the canyon by another steam driven locomotive from Sunol and at that location many people took the opportunity to drive a spike into the railroad tie to hold an intermediate rail in place.

On a recent weekend, the Oscar Starr house at Palmdale, was open for viewing as it was on the market to be sold to a private party. La Vonne and I attended this open house on Sunday and I did not ask the price of the house on the theory that if you had to ask you could not afford it. It was very beautifully staged and presented and in the process I met Anthony Radzanowski who had restored an old fire engine that was used in Newark. I asked him if he would speak to our Historical Society and he said yes and he is our featured speaker on Monday, September 23, 2019 starting at 7:15 PM.

I am meeting with Tim Swenson, John Weed and Donald Barsi to review our finances. The cost for liability insurance which the City requires costs us \$500 per year, the cost for printing and mailing our newsletter costs us about \$600 per year for six mailings. Our membership is only about 50 members and that is not enough to make us a viable organization. We will be looking at options when we meet and we will report to you at the September meeting.

Al Minard

"To Collect, Preserve and Diffuse Information Relating to the History of Washington Township"

Anthony Radzanowski is our guest speaker

Anthony Radzanowski is a retired Hayward Fire Department Apparatus Operator and has been volunteering in the San Jose Fire Museum Restoration shops since the Little Giant Donation in 2016, and has been a historical enthusiast his whole life. He will provide a brief overview of Alameda County history with the growth of the various Township Fire Departments through WWII from volunteer to paid fire departments. He will also provide some rail and transportation history and some current San Jose Fire Museum exhibits. Anthony is the “Voice of Hayward” announcing for Local Fire Charity fund events like the Local 55-Tournament of Heroes and the Goodguys Veterans Day Demolition Derby. He is also a founding member of the Suburban Thunder Improvisation Company working out of the Front Row Theater in San Ramon and a Character Voice Artist.



Pictures from dedication of the plaque for Country Club of Washington Township Women’s Club now the St. Christina of Tyre Orthodox Church



Al Minard, Assemblymember Kansen Chu’s representative, and Michi Yee



Al Minard, and Michi Yee



Assemblymember Kansen Chu’s representative, Yang Shao, Al Minard, Michi Yee, Raj Salwan, Al Nagy, Rick Jones, Kathryn McDonald, and Father Michael

The Washington Township Historical Society Plaque will be installed on the grounds of this building and dedicated at 10 AM, Saturday, October 5, 2019. Please come out and attend this festive ceremony. The church is providing music and we are providing refreshments.

Original St. Edwards Catholic Church



In 1879, rail baron Jim Fair, who built the railroad that built Newark, donated five acres of land and \$1,000 toward the building of St. Edward's Catholic Church. This was combined with funds raised earlier to fund the building of the church, which was completed in 1880.

St. Edward's was a mission church of St. Joseph's in Mission San Jose and then Holy Ghost in Centerville, meaning the pastor came from these churches to provide pastoral services. The Alter Society managed the church, keeping it maintained. Because of the roaming nature of the pastor, service was held on Sunday morning at 9 am.

It became its own parish in 1920 with Father John F. Casey as the first pastor. Father Reuben F. Bray took over the parish in 1930 and stayed until 1936. In the 1950's, the church was feeling small for the growing parish community in a growing Newark. The new St. Edward's Church on Thorton Ave was consecrated on April 20, 1958, by Father Thomas P. Gilbert.

In 1981, the church was bought for the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel and named Rose of Sharon. It was first led by Rev. & Mrs. Dwight Morris, followed by Rev. Marcelo & Felicitacion Maghirang, then Rev. Salvador and Juanita Abrenica. In 2006, a daughter congregation of Rose of Sharon founded by Rev. Fred and Lilian Pinal "Living Hope" moved from Union City to Newark. Rev. Mike and Teresa Perkinson shepherd Living Hope, followed by Rev. Benneth and Desiree Hirsch, then Rev. Nelson and Divina Dizon from 2010 up to the present.

Plaque placed by Washington Township Historical Society in 2018

Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the "real" completion of the Transcontinental Railroad in Niles Canyon on the Historic Transcontinental Railroad with descendants of the Chinese that worked on this railroad over 150 years ago.



The Washington Township Historical Society meeting is on Monday, September 23, 2019, starting at 7:15 PM at the Washington Township Museum of Local History, 190 Anza St., Fremont. Our speaker is Anthony Radzanowski, who will be speaking about the early fire departments here in Washington Township. He has helped restore an early Newark soda/acid fire truck that he will be talking about.

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