President’s Message

We’ve got a lot packed into the last part of this year - 2017. Here’s a quick breakdown:

First, we are taking part in the Rotary Chili Pepper Challenge this year. The challenge is completely virtual and will take place from September 5th through October 30th. The beauty of this challenge is that all donations made in the name of the museum will be matched 2:1 by Rotary and the challenge sponsors. We must raise a minimum of $3,300 ($1,650 for each of our two clubs who have chosen us as their beneficiary – Newark and Mission San Jose), but by doing so we will raise $9,900 for the museum! See the next page of this newsletter for more information!

In September, we have our second to last walking tour of the year at Centerville on Saturday, 9/16. We’ll also be present at Newark Days on Sunday, 9/17 for the community info faire. This is followed by an open house on Monday, 9/18 for people to learn about our school tours, and hopefully get involved! Then, on Tuesday 9/19 we’re hosting Assembly member Bill Quirk for a visit to the museum and adobe. Fremont Mayor Lily Mei will also be joining us on this day.

In October, we will take part in the Olive Festival on Saturday and Sunday, the 7th and 8th. Then, on Saturday the 14th we will be a part of Fremont’s first history fair, happening at California Nursery Historical Park in Niles. You can find us later in the month helping out at the Candle Lighters Ghost House as well. Also, stop in anytime during open hours in October and November to see an exhibit coordinating with the 150th Anniversary of St. James’ Church.

In November, we will have our second cemetery tour at Irvington Memorial (pioneer) Cemetery. Join us to learn about some of the people who established Washington Township. Then, on our open weekend (the 11th and 12th) we will have a garage sale of items left over from our sale at the Niles Flea Market. We’re also hoping to join in at the Festival of Lights Parade in Niles, which is held the day after Thanksgiving.

In December, we will once again host one night of Las Posadas, as we do every year.

We look forward to seeing you at one or all of these events in the coming months. Happy fall to you all and thank you for all of your continued support!

Kelsey Camello
President
The Great Rotary Hot Chili Pepper Challenge

We challenge YOU to help us raise money for a great cause! ALL donations made will be matched 2:1. That means that your $100 donation, for example, will instantly become $300! See below for additional information. #spicymuseum

We have been fortunate enough to be chosen as the beneficiary for two local Rotary clubs (Rotary Club of Newark and Rotary Club of Mission San Jose) in the upcoming Hot! Hot! Hot! Chili Pepper Challenge.

Created by the Rotary Clubs of Fremont, Newark, and Union City, the Chili Pepper Challenge is a fundraising campaign created to benefit local and international Rotary service projects. You can support this initiative with a direct donation or by taking up the challenge and helping to raise funds for a great cause.

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WONDERING HOW YOU CAN DONATE?

1. Use the form and envelope included in this newsletter – make your donation today!

2. Bring cash or a check to the museum. For checks, note in the memo line: Chili Pepper Challenge. You can also mail a donation to us OR visit the CPC website at https://www.hotchilipepperchallenge.com/ and make a donation online. Make sure to type #spicymuseum or Washington Township Museum of Local History in the memo line before making your donation.

3. Log in to your favorite social media account (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and post about your donation OR upload a challenge video (eat a hot pepper and videotape it!). Again, make sure you type #spicymuseum or tag the Washington Township Museum of Local History in your post.

4. Tag (or call) two friends and challenge them to donate!

Questions? Contact us today! The challenge only runs through October 30th. Donate today to help raise funds for a great cause – local history and culture!
Additions to Collections

Additional people donated images, news clippings and video interviews related to Niles as a part of the Our Heritage Oral History Project - Niles Memories. Donors: Joan Lopez, Pauline Dingaci Ferrito, Bruce Roeding, Darlene Olivera, Ruel Brown, Lorraine Harlan.

**Helyn Sparkman** donated a photo that she purchased of Centerville school in 1916, with Joe DeQuadras pictured.

**Keith Fudenna & Dan Grimmer** donated two Justices Dockets for Washington Township, Alameda County. One from 1893 – 1901 and the other from 1915 – 1919. Here they are pictured donating the dockets to the museum.

**B.J. Bunting** donated a travel scrapbook, compiled by Fleda Overacker Bunting during the 1930s.

**Jim Wright & Ohlone College** donated 74 recently discovered photos of Ohlone College before and during construction, including photos of Linda Vista Winery and buildings, as well as photos of Fremont around 1969.
**Ken Roberts** donated documents and promotional materials from a sale in the Lido Faire neighborhood of Newark, belonging to his grandparents, Jimmie Lee and Martie Nora Roberts.

**Trish Nunes** donated framed artwork of Ardenwood, Joe’s Corner and a Nancy Pratt print, as well as a company photograph from F.E. Booth Cannery, from around the 1920s.

**William Heckman** donated 17 binders and 11 DVDs of events and activities of the Keeway Swingers Square Dance Club from 1966 – current.

**Sharlene Mello** donated a horse collar and single tree, belonging to her father, Lawrence Mello.
Nancy Lorigan
06/10/1934- 08/20/2017

Nancy was born in the Sunset District of San Francisco, but lived most of her life in Fremont, passing away at home from complications of a stroke. She was a devoted friend and wife to Jerry Lorigan for 55 years. Nancy loved reading and music, especially singing. She spent over 50 years performing in the Holy Spirit Church Choir as well as the Ohlone College Choir.

Nancy was also involved in her Fremont community as a member of the Candlelighters and as President of the Washington Township Historical Society.

Nancy was the loving mother of two children, Kathleen Risting (Todd) and Paul Lorigan (Catherine) and beloved Nana to her three grandchildren, Brittani, Geoffrey and Ian.

Nancy will be tremendously missed by her friends and family.

A memorial Mass was celebrated at Holy Spirit Church, Fremont on Saturday, August 26th. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Nancy’s name to your favorite High School music program.

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**Open House and Student Tours**

Dianne Holmes heads our educational tours and is the one to call if you’re interested in becoming a docent. It is so gratifying to see students and adults excited about our past as we put the learning in their hands. Are you interested in volunteering 4 hours a month or more? If so, you will join a group of dedicated docents who love working with children and adults and exploring with them our exciting history. Contact Dianne at 510-673-4813. She would love to hear from you!

Docents are busy! Yes, we are working this summer on making the tours more exciting and relevant to our third and fourth grade students. We are making up a scavenger hunt for 3rd grade students to find what makes Fremont so unique among all the other cities in the Bay Area. Do you know what they are? Come to the museum and find out. Better yet, come join and become a volunteer so that you too can be a part of helping children learn about our rich and exciting history.

We will be holding an Open House on Monday, September 18th from 10am – 12pm to acquaint people with our museum and student tours. We have invited the California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA) and the American Association of University Women (AAUW). If you are interested, come and join us. There will be a tour of our museum and an opportunity for everyone to participate in the activities we have for students. Come see how you can fit in with our fun group of men and women!

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

*We are currently in need of the following. Can you or someone you know help?*

- tour guides and docents for adult and student tours (museum and adobe)
- researchers for various projects
- collections and archiving help
- technical help / IT specialists
- a membership chairperson
Historic Walking Tours – past and upcoming!
Thank you to everyone who has made it out to enjoy one or all of our recent walking tours. We’ve had great turnouts for each walk. For our Niles Walk (with Essanay) we had about 40 people attend. In Newark we had close to 50 attendees, and in Decoto for the biking tour we had 4 bicyclists join us.

Remember, all walking tours are family friendly! Walking tours are a wonderful way for kids and newcomers to the area to touch, feel and see the history of our community.

In September, we have a walking tour of downtown Centerville set for Saturday the 16th. The tour begins at 11am. Meet in front of Holy Spirit Church on Fremont Blvd. Suggested donation is $5. Tour booklets available on our website under: Resources > Historical Papers > Fremont > Centerville Walking Tour. See you there!

In November we will have our second annual tour of Irvington Pioneer Cemetery. The tour will take place on November 4th, beginning at 11am. Meet at the corner of Bay St and Chapel Way in Irvington. Come out and learn about select people and families who are buried in this memorial cemetery. Suggested donation is $5. See you there!

Niles Rotary Grant and Our Virtual Museum
Thanks to the generous people at the Niles Rotary Foundation, we have been given an opportunity to better establish our archival presence online. In the spring we applied for a grant to establish an online/virtual museum through our computer archiving program Past Perfect 5. Recently, we were granted the funds and are just now beginning the process of making this a reality. Our goal in the first year is to present selections from the Fisher 3x5” photo collection. Stay tuned for more information and updates on this in the coming months.

Candle Lighters Grant and Our New Sheds
We are looking forward to this upcoming Halloween as we work together with Candle Lighters at their annual ghost house. This year’s theme is Shadow of the Vampire! This past spring we put in a request with Candle Lighters for two new sheds – one for the adobe property and one for the museum. Thanks to the amazing ladies (and men!) of Candle Lighters we have been granted our request. We expect to have our new sheds installed sometime in the first half of 2018. Look for us at this year’s ghost house as we help run game and food booths. Happy Halloween!
Ways to Donate

Interested in donating to or establishing a fund in memory of a loved one? Contact the museum today!

Currently established memorial funds:
- Randy Power Fund
- Lionel Goularte Fund
- Eilif Andersen Fund
- Regena Dennie Fund

Wondering how you can donate to the museum?

1. Donations can be made with money, by becoming a member, increasing your membership contribution, gifting a membership to friends or family members, by giving a general donation, or by donating to a specific project.

2. Donations can also be made in-kind, by giving items to the museum. These items can be either historical, or useful for the day to day operation of the museum.

3. A third way of donating is by giving time, energy, and skills – volunteering! We can always use another helping hand.

4. Finally, the newest way that you can give to the museum is by donating appreciated securities. If you already use Vanguard for your investments, Vanguard offers a form to accomplish this. If you use someone else, a letter of authorization should be sent to your broker with a request to send a specific number of shares (must exceed $1,000 in value) to: Museum of Local History Guild, EIN 94-3230552, Account # 51670697 - Vanguard Group, PO Box 1103, Valley Forge, PA 19482-1103.

Save your taxes and money by donating appreciated stock to the Washington Township Museum of Local History!

You can now give appreciated stock to the WTMLH which you have held for more than one year and you may take a charitable tax deduction for the market value of the stock. Neither you nor the WTMLH have to pay capital gains taxes when the tax is sold!

- The combination can result in a bigger deduction (and more tax savings) for you and a bigger gift for the museum.

- This is a tax planning tool derived from the IRS general rule that the deduction for a donation of “property” is equal to the fair market value of the donated “property”. What the stocks have gained in value, the donor does not have to recognize the gain.

- This allows you to double up on your donation to the WTMLH by a charitable deduction and avoid tax on the appreciation in value of the stock.

- Your tax advisor is your best source for information on how you, personally, may benefit from this gift of appreciated stock to the museum.

If you are interested in receiving an easy to use form to be taken to donate your appreciated stock, contact the museum at info@museumoflocalhistory.org. Questions? Call Harry Avila at 510-409-0124!

T-shirts for sale - $10 each. Call the museum if interested!

You can also donate to #spicymuseum until 10/30!
Fremont 4\textsuperscript{th} of July Parade
The museum really got into the 4\textsuperscript{th} of July spirit this year as a group of our volunteers marched in the parade together alongside other civic groups of Fremont. Some waved flags; others pulled wagons, while the rest brandished oversized black and white photos of 4\textsuperscript{th} of July celebrations in Washington Township gone by. What a day it was! We are all really looking forward to participating in more local parades moving forward, so be on the lookout for us again soon.

Niles Memories
With the help of the Niles Essanay Silent Film Museum, who lent us their venue and conducted the day’s walking tour; we were able to put on a wonderful event in Niles on June 10\textsuperscript{th}. Over 75 people attended, contributed to the discussion and viewed the displays about Niles in the ‘40s, ‘50s, and ‘60s. After the talk, a good number continued on as David Kiehn took the group on a walking tour of Niles. Along with the event, over many weeks Patricia Schaffarczyk conducted various oral histories and added a large collection of photographs, stories, and documents related to Niles to our collection. Thank you to all who participated in this fun and informative “Niles” event!

Elizabeth Lowrie Button Collection & Talk
On July 11\textsuperscript{th}, Patricia Schaffarczyk put on a talk for the Las Antiquelagas group, a section of the Country Club of Washington Township. The talk was held in the Niles Canyon Mobile Estates Community Center and was well attended. The discussion was focused around button collections, more specifically, the button collection of Elizabeth Lowrie, who was a resident and prominent citizen of Irvington. Many people fondly remember her as the friendly librarian. We are hoping to highlight the Lowrie button collection again soon in a special display at the museum.

Assembly Member Bill Quirk to Visit Museum
On Tuesday, September 19\textsuperscript{th}, Assembly Member Bill Quirk (20\textsuperscript{th} district) will be visiting the museum for a special tour and lunch. Assembly Member Bill Quirk is a member of the museum and is looking to learn more about what we do in our community. We’re looking forward to hosting such an important member of our local government at both the museum and the adobe on that day.
Volunteer & Donor Lunch

What a day it was on July 23rd as we took the time to celebrate all of our wonderful donors, members and volunteers. Our annual event was held at Swiss Park Hall in Newark and was so well attended that we had to keep adding seats to our already prepared tables! We want to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped plan this event and to those who set up and worked to tear down. Additionally, thank you to all who attended and brought food to share or gave the museum a donation on that day. You are all important to the success of our museum and we appreciate you!

Mission San Jose Rotary Presentation

Thank you to Mission San Jose Rotary for all that they do for us at the museum! Not only do they continue to work hard on projects for the adobe, they also asked us to be the guest speaker at one of their Friday lunch meetings. On August 18th, Dianne Holmes and Kelsey Camello spoke about the place of the museum in our community and how we as a group would like to move forward into the future. Thank you again to MSJ Rotary for the opportunity to speak to your group!

Niles Festival of Lights Parade 2017

We are looking forward to participating in this year’s holiday parade in Niles, which takes places annually on the day after Thanksgiving. If you are interested in being a part of our group for this event, please contact the museum at 510-623-7907 or email info@museumoflocalhistory.org.
Fremont History through the Ages
The Fremont area is a historical place in its own right, from the Ice Age Fossils to Ohlone Culture, and Mission San Jose, to the early settlers - to the railroads, its nurseries and agriculture, and even movie making. Join us on Saturday, October 14th to learn through activities and informational booths of the various organizations that are preserving this heritage. Hint! We are one of those organizations!

If you are new to the area this is an excellent time to get to know more about your city. Additionally, make sure to stop by and check out the special exhibit commemorating 100 years since the Roeding Family began their famous nursery operation in Niles. The event will run 11am – 4pm at California Nursery Historical Park in Niles. The cost is FREE. For more information, visit: http://msnucleus.org/calnursery/roeding100_Oct14.html.

Mission San Jose Olive Festival
Plans for the Olive Festival are underway and we plan to be a part of it once again this year with a display and/or activities for kids.

The annual Olive Festival will be held both Saturday and Sunday October 7th and 8th, and this year’s event will be one to remember! Food – Live Music – Entertainment – Arts & Crafts – Kids Games – Beer & Wine – Drawings – Prizes. Check out our more than 26 vendors featuring everything from olive oil to olive wood carvings. Bring your families!

The festival opens Saturday at 10:30 AM with live music, followed by great food, more music, and activities for young and old through Sunday! More information available at: http://msjchamber.org/events/olive-festival/.

The Festival is located on the grounds of the Dominican Sisters behind Historic Old Mission San Jose at the intersection of Mission Blvd. and Washington Blvd. in the Mission San Jose district of Fremont at 43326 Mission Blvd.

St. James’ Episcopal Church Celebrates 150 Years
This November, St. James’ Episcopal Church is celebrating 150 years since their founding in 1867. Join the congregation and clergy of St. James’ on Saturday November 4th and Sunday November 5th for activities and celebrations related to this monumental achievement. Additionally, museum board member Patty Lacy will have a display on view at the Fremont Main Library and in our museum October 1st through November 15th. For more information, visit: http://saintj.com/wp/about-us/st-james-150th-celebration/.
Las Posadas at the Museum

Las Posadas, a ceremonial celebration of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem, has been co-sponsored by the Fremont Cultural Arts Council and the Old Mission San Jose annually since 1982. Join us in December as we celebrate the advent season and 35 years of this fine tradition.

During the week before Christmas, there will be a procession each night from the front porch of the Old Mission San Jose Museum, located at 43300 Mission Blvd. in Fremont. We plan to participate again this year, but have not yet learned of the date that we will be visiting our museum. Stay informed of this by visiting our Facebook page closer to the event or by keeping a close eye on the Tri-City Voice.

Refreshments, music and holiday cheer will be provided at our museum on our evening. Please dress warmly and bring a light to help you read the song sheets. We hope you can join us! If you would like to help with refreshments or decorating the museum, please contact us at 510-623-7907 or email info@museumoflocalhistory.org.

Western Display at Aegis

The museum had a small display out for the month of August at the Assisted Living Center – Aegis Living on Walnut Avenue in Fremont. Put together by Dianne Holmes, this little corner of western themed items, including an old fashioned ice cream maker, a saddle and washboard, among other things, was a reminder of the good old days for many of people there in assisted care.

News from the Rancho

The Rancho Higuera Adobe and park is again receiving some needed attention. Very recently, Mission San Jose and Niles Rotary Clubs were out in force helping to put in a new fence to protect the restored 1830s Adobe from grazing cattle. The museum has some site improvement plans for this year that we will share as things progress. These improvements wouldn’t be possible without the assistance of a caring group of people that put the time, money and effort into seeing to the completion of the many projects. All of this work is focused on making the Adobe a fun, safe and educational place for students and adults to learn about our local history.

We would like to acknowledge the collective effort of those participants who are making this possible. First, we want to thank the City of Fremont Parks and Recreation personnel that have been working with the museum to plan and implement improvements. Second, the MSJ and Niles Rotary Clubs have been true friends of the museum, with an impressive list of accomplishments. We want to thank some of the individual members, such as Larry Anderson, Bob Tavares, Richard Godfrey and Paul Andrus, among others. Of course, it shouldn’t go without saying that museum volunteers Gerry Curry and Dianne Holmes have been true visionaries for the Adobe. Their consistent contributions to its improvement show beautifully. Thanks to all for a great team effort!
Niles Flea Market a Success!

We want to extend a special thank you for all the help that was given to make our first Niles Flea Market a success. This was a museum/community effort. After many weeks of preparation; sorting, pricing, boxing and posting on the internet, we sold at the home of Mellicent and David Fraticelli. More than 30 volunteers helped us at the two day event and everyone had a good time. Thank you all for the help and smiles!

- We’ve made more than $1500 in overall sales and donations thus far.
- A special thank you to The Fraticellis for the use of their yard on 2nd St.
- Thank you to the donors who gave monetary support and/or items to sell.
- Thank you to those who posted, cleaned up, priced and boxed everything before and after the event.
- Thank you to all the volunteers.

We have some items left over that will be for sale on the internet and at a museum garage sale that will be on our open weekend in November. Additionally, photos of the event will be posted on our webpage soon. For a video that Tom Coroneos made of the two days, see: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6-MUcY3yGE.

Newark Days Community Info Faire

We will once again have a booth set up at the Newark Days Community Info Faire, which is a part of the annual birthday celebration in Newark. The Info Fair area is located just near the community center on Cedar Blvd. If you’re planning to attend Newark Days, please stop by and say hello!

Thanks to our business & corporate members for their support!
### New Members and Renewals

Thank you to all of our members who are paid up for 2017! If you do not see your name here, please pay your dues as soon as you can.

Membership is one of the best ways to support the museum. Members make it possible for curious people throughout Fremont, Newark and Union City to explore their shared history. They help provide hands-on educational programs for schoolchildren and lifelong learners, purchase necessary supplies, produce new displays, and preserve our archives. Members give the whole community a gift that connects people to history and culture. Thank you for considering investing in the historic hub of the Tri-City Area.

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- TUES 9/05: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 8pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont
- SAT 9/16: Centerville Walking Tour – 11am – 12:30pm – Meet in front of Holy Spirit Church on Fremont Blvd
- SUN 9/17: Newark Days Info Faire – 12pm – 4pm - Near the community center on Cedar Blvd
- MON 9/18: Open House with CalRTA and AAUW (learn about our school tours) – 10am – 12pm - 190 Anza Street in Fremont
- TUE 9/19: Tour of museum and adobe for Assembly member Bill Quirk
- Chili Pepper Challenge Runs 9/05 - 10/30!

October 2017

- TUES 10/3: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 8pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont
- SAT SUN 10/7-8: MSJ Olive Festival - 10am - 5pm - Dominican Sisters Grounds, MSJ
- SAT 10/14: Fremont History Through the Ages (History Fair) - 11am - 4pm - California Nursery Historical Park
- Looks for us at Candle Lighters Ghost House!
- Chili Pepper Challenge Runs 9/5 - 10/30!
- exhibit 10/1 – 11/15: St. James’ Church 150th Anniversary - 190 Anza Street during open hours

November 2017

- SAT 11/4: Cemetery Tour - 11am – Irvington Memorial Cemetery
- SAT SUN 11/4-5: St. James’ Church 150th Anniversary at St. James Church (see church website)
- TUES 11/7: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 8pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont
- SAT SUN 11/11-12: Museum garage sale during open hours - 190 Anza Street in Fremont
- FRI 11/24: Niles Festival of Lights Parade - 6pm – downtown Niles
- exhibit 10/1 – 11/15: St. James’ Church 150th Anniversary - 190 Anza Street during open hours

December 2017

- TUES 12/5: WTMLH Board Meeting – 6pm – 8pm – 190 Anza Street in Fremont
- MUSEUM CLOSED 12/20/17 - 01/03/18
- DATE TBD: LAS POSADAS WEEK 12/14 - 12/22 – stay tuned for more information

MUSEUM CLOSED DURING REGULAR HOURS 12/20/17 - 01/03/18
Detach and return to the museum:

Name: _______________________
Phone: _______________________
Address: _______________________
________________________________
Email: ________________________

Yes, I want to become a member!

Senior/Student    □ $10
Senior Couple     □ $20
Regular           □ $35
Family            □ $40
Trailblazer       □ $50
Pathfinder        □ $100
Business Membership □ $300
Pioneer Patron    □ $500
Lifetime          □ $1,000

Yes, I would also like to donate
to a special fund: ____________________
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