

TOWER VIEWS

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Our Goal - To preserve the irreplaceable in the Galt Area !

President's Clipboard!

Welcome to 2018. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, enjoying your family and friends. Now that all the festivities are over, we can get down to business. We have all made resolutions at the beginning of every New Year. I would like to give you my resolutions and hopes for the Galt Area Historical Society in 2018.

- We work toward an organization with 600 members. That was founder, Genie Olson's dream. We can do it! I carry membership applications with me all the time and hand them out. Every member should do the same. We give tremendous service to Galt and the area. Our own enthusiasm about what we represent and what we do should influence people to join us.
- Along with increasing membership, I want to see more members attending our meetings: Not just when we have dinner and a speaker. This is everyone's meetings. Many items are discussed and more input is always welcome. Complainers who do not come to the meetings really have nothing positive to contribute. Everyone should come to the meetings; and if they have an opinion or an idea, they should present it without an argument.

- Third, I want to see every Civil War soldier at the Liberty and Elliott Cemeteries identified and honored. It would be wonderful to have a celebration honoring these soldiers as well as all soldiers on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

- My final resolution is to encourage all members to get along. Help each other when there are jobs to be done. Do not turn someone away because you think they will not do a good job. Teach and communicate what needs to be done. None of us own the GAHS; but we all have a vested interest to see that the history of Galt and our surrounding area continues to be protected, preserved, and restored.

December Meeting Report!

Brooke Beckett, Galt High Teacher of the Year and Yearbook Advisor, attended the December Membership meeting. She displayed 2018 calendars that the Galt High Yearbook team compiled entitled "Galt: A Glance Into Galt's Origins". The calendar juxtaposes historical pictures of Galt (provided by the Society) with current pictures of the same sites taken by the Yearbook staff. They are selling the calendars for \$20 to assist in keeping yearbook prices low for all students at Galt

High School. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, contact Brooke at bbeckett@ghsd.k12.ca.us.

A bounty of new toys was collected from Society members! Thank you to Lavonne Riddlesperger who joyfully volunteered to drop off the donated toys at our local Police Department for delivery to the children in need in the Galt area.

The following 2018 slate of officers was sworn in at the meeting: President Janis Barsetti; First Vice President Ida Denier; Second Vice President Ralph Cortez; Treasurer Bobbie Lewis; Recording Secretary Bobbie Koger, Corresponding Secretary Louise Dowdell; and Historian Dan Tarnasky. Congratulations to our new officers!

After the meeting, members enjoyed delicious desserts and appetizers as well as Bingo and prizes galore!

Rose Pruning Time!

Mark your calendar for February 3 beginning at 9:30 a.m. for rose pruning at the Rae House Garden! The Society has some pruning tools but each member should bring their own pruning clippers and gloves. Ida Denier has volunteered to provide coffee in the morning and a light lunch once the pruning is done. Please give Ida a call at 745-1477 to let her know if you can assist and let's get the pruning done before lunchtime!

New Time and Date for Board Meetings!

In order to accommodate the schedules of the Executive Board members, the meeting date for the Executive Board is changing to the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the Hall. Please make note of this change on your calendars if you plan to attend!

Welcome New Members!

The Society would like to welcome the following new members who have joined in 2017: Durlynn Anema, Dan Denier, Ann

Fenkner, Kimberly Graves, Julie Hughes, Bob and Rita Martin, John Melhaff, Romilda Nimmo, Tanya Roberts, Mike and Patty Schneider, Celia Torres, Julie Wall, Colleen Ann Walton and Gale Webber. Welcome to the Society!

1947 Sacramento County Fair!

Our Historian, Dan Tarnasky, will be showing a film at the January General Membership meeting on the 1947 Sacramento County Fair. The Sacramento County Fair was established in 1937 on what is now the Galt Flea Market. It remained in Galt until 1954.

Dan is in the process of transferring the 16 mm color film found in the Archives to a DVD format and it will be shown to the public for the first time at our meeting on the 22nd. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. so plan on attending!

Policies and Procedures!

Members of the Policies and Procedures committee will do a brief presentation on one policy or procedure a month at the General Meetings. This coming month will be on the Marian Lawrence-Marie Olson Children's Fund. A Policies and Procedures binder is available at the Hall for any interested member to review.

Calendar of Upcoming Events!

January 11 – Executive Board meeting at 2:00 p.m. at the Hall

January 22 - Membership meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Hall

February 3 – Prune roses at 9:30 a.m. at the Rae House Garden

Collecting Items for Future Yard Sales!

A big "Thank You" to LaVonne Riddlesperger and Sue Dean for cleaning the small shed in the back of the Society Hall.

Now that the space has been cleaned and organized, there is room to hold items for future Society Yard Sales! The next one isn't planned until the Fall of 2018 but if you have items to donate, please call LaVonne or Sue at (209) 200-2203 and they will coordinate a drop off time at the Hall. Please no furniture until closer to the date! Knick-knacks and housewares are the best sellers!

Time to Volunteer!

As you contemplate 2018 and your resolutions for the New Year, consider joining a Society Committee and volunteer your time and talents to furthering the mission of the GAHS! Please consider becoming a docent at either the Rae House Museum or the McFarland House. Maintenance work is scheduled in the upcoming months at the Rae House Garden, McFarland Living History Ranch, and both the Elliott and Liberty Cemeteries – extra hands are always a welcome site! The Society also needs assistance when it comes to our various annual fundraisers including An Evening in Italy held in May, Sip N Snack at the Mac held in July, our Society Yard Sale held in the Fall, and the Drive Down Memory Lane Car Show held in September! If any of these opportunities peak your interest, please contact Janis or Ida and let's get volunteering!

Report on Volunteer Hours Needed!

If you volunteered at any events in 2017 for the Galt Area Historical Society, we need you to record your hours and send them to the Society. These hours are compiled and used in applying for various grants. Please write your name and address, your hours (in aggregate or detailed by event/date) and send them to:

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Rae and McFarland Christmas Open House!

A Christmas Open House was held on December 2 at the Rae House and on December 9th and 10th at the McFarland House complete with Santa, cookies and hot apple cider! Thank you to all of the elves who beautifully decorated for Christmas, the cheerful docents who gave tours of the historic homes, and Santa!

Time to Pay Your Dues!

Don't forget – if you are not a Lifetime member, it is time to pay your 2018 dues! You can pay by check and mail to P.O. Box 782 Galt, CA 95632 or by PayPal! Thanks for your prompt payment!

Alice's Attic!

For those of you who keep up with the "From the Archives" feature in the Galt Herald, thank you for doing so. It motivates some of you to contribute a photo or two for future articles. At the same time, there are others who want more photos from the other communities in our historic area (Herald, Arno, Thornton, etc.). We would like to include more of those, but we have a couple of issues to overcome. First, we don't want to print a photo that's already been used in the past. We want to keep things fresh. Second, we have a lot of photos but little or no information to go with them. We can't turn in an article with less than 9 or 10 lines. The editor frowns upon that. Now let's get to the solutions. Do you have a photo with information from one of the outlying communities that exist currently or from the past? Do you have knowledge of Herald, Arno, Thornton, Clay Station, Colony, Hicksville, Elliott, or Liberty? Do you know someone who does? We have the photos if you have the information. Please contact Dan Tarnasky at (916) 952 – 2368 if you can help.