

**General  
Membership Notice**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the  
month

6:30pm start time

One month notice to general membership for changes to the MHS Bylaws to be voted on the May 12, 2016 meeting. We need twenty(20) members for discussion and to vote for the changes to:

Article II Purposes  
Section 2.

F.1. change (1840-1890) to (1769-present).

Article V Meetings Of  
Members  
Section 3 Special Meetings change Twenty (20) to Ten (10) members.  
Section 5 general membership meeting from Twenty 20 to Ten (10) members for a quorum.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 14th @ 6:30pm**

Alejandro Morales

On Brick People

**April 30th @ 6pm**

Adobe Sanchez Wine  
and Cheese

# Adobe Dust

JUAN MATIAS SANCHEZ  
ADOBE MUSEUM



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## Message from the President



Our April 30th wine & cheese fundraiser has a long history in our organization and Montebello. It is our first fundraiser of the year and an opportunity to increase awareness about the Montebello Historical Society (MHS) and the Juan Matias Sanchez Adobe. Asking for money is never easy; however, it is nonetheless a necessity for community groups, such as the MHS. Our wine & cheese fundraiser has a specific goal and that is to raise funds for the revitalization and up-keep of the Sanchez Adobe. It may have unexpected benefits such as attracting new members and building bridges with other Montebello community groups.

Our wine & cheese fundraiser will be successful, but we must embrace and support the fundraising effort as a group. This requires that we purchase a ticket (please) and, more importantly, attend our event because we will have a great time.

Let us all make our 2016 wine & cheese event a great success. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 323.819.5103 or [cvargas@morganlewis.com](mailto:cvargas@morganlewis.com). Thank you and I look forward to seeing all of you on April 30th at 6:00 pm.

Best regards,

Chris Vargas

## News From Arlene, Membership

### 2016 Membership Drive

If you have not renewed your membership it is not to LATE! We need your support in educating our youth today. So please send your check or donation. Remember WE MUST KEEP THE HISTORY OF MONTEBELLO ALIVE by supporting, THE MONTEBELLO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, we can continue bringing the community together.

Please let us welcome our renewal members: Shirley Sullivan, & Gloria, & Carlos Haro. Please bring a friend or family member to our next general meeting on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker will be The Simon Brick People! Please bring a photo of your history.

Thank you, Arlene M. Sandoval, Membership Chair



## There's No Cryan in Baseball!

Margaret Villa Cryan was born on December 21, 1924 in Montebello, California on her father's (Jay Villa) ranch at the corner of Washington Blvd. and Vail Ave. Her playground as a kid was the brick pits of the Simon Brickyard. Marge was a tomboy and loved playing baseball. When she was 12 Marge went to play for the Orange County Lionettes. When Marge was not playing baseball, she would hang out at Vail Field washing windows on the aircraft. One day a pilot was asked her, "would you like to fly?" So she climbed in a Piper Cub and learned how to fly an airplane.

One day while riding the Cub, she had to fly right over her parent's house which had a large sycamore tree. Her mother was outside writing down the plane's number because mom didn't like the planes flying so close to the tree. The Cub didn't have side doors and when mom looked up, there was Marge waving at her. Mom just shook her finger at her.

When WWII started, Marge quit Montebello High School and went to work at the US Rubber Plant (now the Citadel) making aircraft self-sealing tanks. "In 1946 Marge was asked to join the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. She entered the AAGPBL with the Kenosha Comets, being used as a catcher, second base and short stop."\* She was 5 ft. 2 in., 115 lbs., and batted and threw right-handed. Her nickname was "Poncho."

"On June 9, 1946, as a rookie, Marge made history when she drove in nine runs and collected eleven total bases in one game, setting two single-game league records that never would be surpassed."\* "In 1947, Marge had the chance to join the touring AAGPBL all star teams that traveled to Central and South America, Cuba and Mexico." \* In 1948 Marge, the team captain, and the chaperone took over the manager's spot after he was suspended for seven days.

After retirement in 1950, she met Daniel Cryan, a dentist at the Montebello Golf Course. They soon got married and moved to La Mirada. They raised two adopted children, a boy and a girl. She became a champion women's golfer at the Hacienda Golf Club in La Habra Heights, CA. She focused much of her time and energy visiting friends and family and traveling to reunions of the AAGPBL Players Association.

"Since 1988, Marge is part of Women in Baseball, a permanent display based at the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York which was unveiled to honor the entire All-American Girls Professional Baseball League rather than individual baseball personalities."\*

In 1992 Marge was a technical advisor for the film "League of Their Own." Penny Marshall would yell at her using vulgar language, "get the #\$%\* over here Cryan and show these actors how throw and catch a baseball."

Nowadays, at 90 years old, Marge still plays golf on Tuesdays and spends countless hours responding to request for autographs and corresponding with young athletes interested in hearing of her days in the league .

# Women's Rights in the America's 1800s

Many of us remember the radical feminist movement of the 1960s which echoed the political discontent of the Viet Nam war. Bra burning and protests signaled an era of discontent, young people demanding a voice, an outcry to violence. Television documented the era of free love. But what about those serious faced corseted feminists we see in old photographs from the 1800s? These ladies were far from strong silent types.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902) and Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) were both social activists who wrote articles for a political newspaper, *The Revolution*, and together in 1869, formed the National Woman Suffrage Association to promote women's rights. Susan B. Anthony lectured extensively for 45 years, giving approx. 100 speeches a year and is quoted as saying: "I beg you to speak of Woman as you do of the Negro, speak of her as a human being, as a citizen of the United States, as a half of the people in whose hands lies the destiny of this Nation."

Margaret Fuller (1810-1850) was another dynamic voice for women's rights in the 1800s. She advocated women's employment and education, herself being a teacher in Boston and Rhode Island. She is most famous for her discussion groups called "Conversations" which attracted a wide audience for that era, approx. during the years 1840-1844.

Although the suffrage bill was not passed until 1920, these women were fighting for reform and the right to vote throughout the 1800s. The right to vote was no small achievement considering the limitations a proper lady had at the time. Her main occupation was a teacher, for children, because of her nurturing role as a woman, and in times of war she may serve as a nurse again because of the nurturing aspect but not intelligence. If a woman wanted to become a writer, a highly scandalous profession, she had to adopt a "pen name" that of a male for publication of a novel.

As we move into an era where we see women running for political office positions (Presidential no less) and female astronauts exploring space which had been exclusive to men, one has to wonder "What would these ladies of the 1800s think of all of this?" What is fathomable to us was once unfathomable to so many so long ago. Even within our own lifetimes, how many things that now exist were once viewed as impossibilities? Moving forward, we are constantly surprising ourselves.

Barbara Garcia-Guzman



Montebello  
Historical Society  
**Guest Speaker Series**  
*Presents*  
Professor  
Alejandro Morales, UCI

The Brick People  
The History of Simons  
Brickyard  
Documentary

**April 14, 2016 6:30PM**



Montebello Senior Center  
115 S Taylor Ave, Montebello, CA 90640  
Downstairs

### Baseball's Opening Day

APRIL 16, 2016

**MARGE VILLA CRYAN (PONCHO)** started out with a bang in the All American League. She set the record with most total bases in a game, with 11, and for the most RBIs, with nine - and she was only a rookie!

Technical Advisor to the 1992 hit film "League Of Their Own."

*Meet Marge*

12:00PM - 4:00PM  
For an autograph & photos  
at the Juan Matias Sanchez  
Adobe Museum

ALL AMERICAN GIRL PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE  
1946-1950

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## JUAN MATIAS SANCHEZ

ADOBE MUSEUM

946 ADOBE AVE., MONTEBELLO, CA 90640

*Annual Fundraiser*

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016  
6:00 P.M.

Historical Costumes  
Vendors & Fun!  
\$20.00 per person  
Event Donations will go to the Adobe's Revitalization

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